

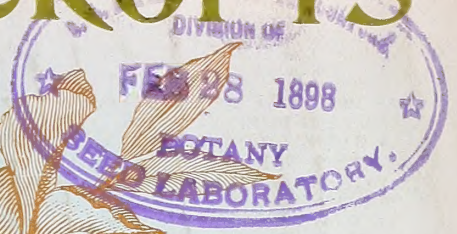
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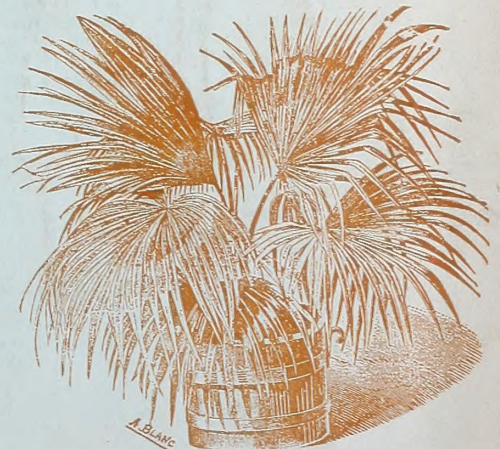
Our Three
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JOSEPH BANCROFT & SON,

✻ Lock Box 24. ✻

CEDAR FALLS, IOWA.



PALM, LATANIA BORBONICA.

GREETING FOR '98.

Our friends, we again thank you for your kind and liberal patronage the past season, and we would ask a continuance of same, feeling sure that we can please you in the future as in the past. The increase of our business is most gratifying to us, and it surely shows that the thousands of customers all over this and adjoining states are satisfied with our methods of doing business.

Our facilities for the prompt and careful handling of all orders entrusted to our care are first-class in every way. Our office is connected with all business and telegraph offices here and all surrounding towns by two different telephone companies, giving us almost instantaneous communication with all, and our mail is received three and four times daily. This makes delay in receiving any orders sent us almost impossible.

During the past year we have again added largely to our extensive establishment making it the largest and finest establishment of its kind in northern Iowa. six large greenhouses with fine commodious office with an immense packing room 20 x 80 feet. All heated by hot water from three powerful hot water boilers; is it any wonder that we are recognized all over Iowa as one of its leading establishments of the kind in the State? The cut on the back of the catalogue will give our readers some idea of what our greenhouses are.

Our stock for the coming year is very large and complete, and we feel that we can truthfully say that (excepting seeds) nowhere in Iowa can you find a larger and better general stock than we now carry. In fact, there are very few firms of this class in Iowa that are financially able to carry such a large and varied stock. Neither have they the experience necessary to successfully handle it. Our *Home of Beautiful Flowers* is located in the heart of the residence portion of the city, and visitors are always welcome (except Sunday). When you are in the city come and see us, if you love God's greatest gift to mankind. It will more than pay you.

To Those Who Have Never Dealt With Us, this catalogue is sent perhaps, by the request of some flower-loving friend of yours. Please do not throw it aside, but read it carefully. We feel sure it will interest and instruct you, and if you do not need anything at present lay it aside for future reference, or give it to some flower-loving friend.

Quality of our Goods. Our constant aim is to send out only the very best stock that can be grown, giving every one full value for their money, and more. Our plants are not a lot of poorly grown, tall, badly shaped plants that are sold cheap because they are cheap. We ask a good, living price for our stock, and we guarantee you full value for your money in every instance. Our Greenhouses are all heated by hot water, which is considered the ideal mode of heating to insure a good, sturdy, healthy plant, one that will live and grow in the hands of the purchaser.

Hard Times Prices. We have endeavored to place every article at as low a price as skilled labor and long experience can produce them. We do not attempt to compete in price with second-class articles grown simply to make money.

Inquiries as to varieties to plant, treatment of varieties, hardiness of certain ornamentals or trees, or of any nature pertaining to our line of business, cheerfully answered without charge.

Errors. If goods are not as expected, compare with order, read Catalogue rules carefully, and if we are in the wrong write us at once and we will try to make it right with you, but do not complain to others until you have given us a chance.

POINTS TO OBSERVE.

Remit by bank draft, check, express order, postoffice order or registered letter, and additional seeds or plants may be selected to cover cost of remitting.

To Responsible Parties goods will be sent on approval.

Seeds by Mail. All seeds by the packet, ounce or pound, sent prepaid on receipt of price. Pints, quarts, etc., go at purchaser's expense.

Plants by Express. Have your plants, shrubs, etc., sent by express when you possibly can. Under the new ruling, all plants, shrubs, etc., go at special rates, making the cost very reasonable, and plants travel much safer than by mail, and we put in extras to about cover cost of express charges, and we guarantee safe arrival of all goods sent by express.

Plants by Mail. All small plants, shrubs, vines, etc., will be sent prepaid by mail on receipt of price.

Treatment of Plants Received by Mail. If plants are wilted, without removing the packing material immerse them in tepid water and allow them to remain for half an hour. This will speedily restore them as fresh as ever. Then unpack and set in small pots in rich, fibrous loam, shade from the sun and sprinkle foliage every day, being careful not to overwater the roots, until the plants begin to grow, after which they may be shifted to larger pots, if necessary.

Soil in Which to Pot Plants. The best soil for most plants is composed of two-thirds well-rotted sod (that have been previously cut and piled up to rot) or good garden soil, and one-third well-rotted manure, well mixed together. If the sods are not naturally sandy, it is well to add some sharp sand. This is the kind of soil we use for nearly all kinds of plants. [See supply list.]

Watering. Whenever the plants are dry water so that the earth in the pots will be saturated and no more. When much water passes off it impoverishes the soil in a short time. The water should be the same temperature as the room in which the plants grow. No water should be allowed to remain in saucers under the pots except in the case of aquatic plant. Soft wooded plants require much more water than do hard wooded.

Dust. The great secret of growing plants successfully in the house lies in keeping them clean.

Drainage is of utmost importance. Every large pot should have at least an inch of broken pot sherd, moss or charcoal placed in the bottom.

Syringing. All plants are benefited by liberal syringing two or three times a week especially on under side of leaf. Roses and Carnations should be syringed daily, if in a warm room. The Scollay Sprinkler (see page 54) is a very useful article, as all parts of a plant can be reached without wasting any water.

Air. Ventilate well every fine day when air above freezing point can be admitted. Do not allow cold air to blow directly against the plants.

Insects. Healthy growing plants are seldom troubled with insects or mildew. One of the most disgusting of these is the *Scale*, which attacks the Ferns, Palms, Ivies, etc., lodging on stem and under side of leaf. There is no remedy but *scraping off* and destroying. *Mealy Bugs* lodge in the axils of the leaves, and are easily destroyed by using an old tooth brush. *Red Spider* shows itself in a brown, dried condition of the leaves, and is an indication of too dry an atmosphere. It is the great pest of house-grown roses. Moisture is its great enemy. Sponge, sprinkle, or wash the leaves often and thoroughly, taking special pains to wet the under side of the leaves, or daily dip the tops in tepid water. The green fly, or *Aphis*, is best destroyed by tobacco smoke, if the smoke can be confined about the plants; otherwise a tobacco tea, made by steeping one pound of tobacco stems in four or five gallons of water, can be used. Dip the plants in the liquid or sprinkle them thoroughly with it; or moisten the plants with water and sprinkle tobacco dust over them, letting it remain until the usual watering washes it off.

Worms in the Soil. Frequently caused by using soil not sufficiently rotted. Lime water will usually expel them without injuring the plant. One part lime to twenty parts water, and when clear give one or two waterings.

Mildew. A whitish or mouldy appearance of the leaves. It is caused by a sudden change in the atmosphere from great heat to cold, or by a draft from open windows or doors. At its first appearance moisten the plants and dust them with sulphur. This will arrest the spread of the disease, and in most cases effect a cure.

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JOSEPH BANCROFT & SON,

Telephones 44 and 62. Lock Box 24.

CEDAR FALLS, IOWA.

\$1.00. Our Great One Dollar Collection. \$1.00

Twenty Choice Plants and Five Bulbs, all for One Dollar.

By express at purchaser's expense. Strictly our selection of varieties, but every one shall be A 1 variety, and a good, strong, healthy, vigorous plant. We do this simply as an advertisement, knowing that where our plants are once tried they will bring us a permanent customer.

Two Begonias, two Roses, one Canna, two Carnations, two Chrysanthemums, one Fuchsia, two Geraniums, one Ivy Leaf Geranium, one Double Petunia, one Abutilon, two Coleus, one Sanseveria Zealanica, one Mexican Primrose, one Sweet Alyssum, three Excelsior Dwarf Perle Tuberoses and two Gladiolus.

✱ ✱ A FEW OF OUR \$1.00 COLLECTIONS OF PLANTS. ✱ ✱

One-half of any Collection for Fifty Cents.

Strictly Our Selection of Varieties.

- No. 1. Fifteen Geraniums. Best named varieties, double and single.
- No. 2. Fifteen Roses. Strong plants from two-inch pots.
- No. 3. Fifteen Carnations. Very best varieties.
- No. 4. Twenty Coleus. Assorted.
- No. 5. Twenty-five Pansies. Giant varieties, mixed colors.
- No. 6. Twenty-five Verbenas. Mixed colors.
- No. 7. Eighteen Verbenas. Named varieties.
- No. 8. Six Cannas. Large, strong plants from four-inch pots.

- No. 9. Ten Begonias. Assorted.
- No. 10. Fifteen splendid Chrysanthemums, including some novelties.
- No. 11. Twenty assorted Bedding Plants.
- No. 12. Ten hardy shrubs, vines and plants.
- No. 13. Twelve Grape vines. Assorted.
- No. 14. Twenty-five Black Raspberries. Assorted.
- No. 15. One hundred and twenty-five Strawberry plants. Assorted.
- No. 16. Eight Hardy Roses, or eight Climbing Roses, or four Moss Roses; large, strong 2-year plants.

The above are by express. While we can send by mail, we would advise every one to have their plants go by express, as we can send larger plants and they always arrive in better condition, as the soil does not have to be removed from the roots.

OUR SPECIAL CLUB ORDER OFFER

- For \$2.00 you may select goods to the value of \$2.35.
- For 3.00 you may select goods to the value of 3.75.
- For 5.00 you may select goods to the value of 7.00.
- For 10.00 you may select goods to the value of 14.50.

A complete list of those ordering must be given, and each person's goods will be wrapped in a separate package and all sent to the address of the one sending the order in. *This does not apply to individual orders.*

Kind Friends.—Perhaps you have never sent us a trial order. We would earnestly ask a trial from you, even if it be ever so small. Try us and see if we do not treat you well. Our constant aim is to please our customers, and the large number of unsolicited testimonials show how they appreciate our goods.

Perhaps this Catalogue is sent by request of a friend. *They know* and *we know* that you love beautiful flowers. Do not throw it away. It cost money and hard work to get this up. If you do not care for it, please hand it to some flower-loving friend. Below will be found a few of our cheap collections. We positively guarantee that every plant we send out shall be a strong, well-rooted, healthy plant or money refunded.



A 50c Everblooming Rose Collection.

One plant each Perle, Sunset, Soupert, Meteor, Kassarine, Belle Siebrecht and Bridesmaid. Splendid for outdoor planting, and only 50 cents, prepaid.

A \$1.00 Collection of Hardy Hybrid Perpetuals.

Everybody loves hardy Roses, but many have been disappointed by getting varieties that winter kill. We want to please our customers, and will pick out seven perfectly hardy varieties, our selection, all strong, two-year old plants, for only \$1.00, by express at purchaser's expense.

Cannas—The Greatest Bedding Plant

What is more showy than a beautiful bed of Cannas? Once seen they are never forgotten. For \$1.00 we will send twelve strong plants, our selection of varieties, or twenty five for \$2.00 especially selected sorts for bedding. Every dozen includes one Italia.

List of Novelties and Specialties for 1898.

✱ THE THREE MOST POPULAR ANNUALS. ✱

Every year we put these, the most popular of all annuals, in the front part of our book, and every year we sell more of them. Our collection this year embraces even more varieties than last year, and we know it can not fail to please the most exacting purchasers.

PANSY.



Bancroft's Special Mixture. This is a mixture put up by ourselves from the following Special Varieties: Vaughan's International, Giant Paris, five varieties Giant Trimardeau, Giant Odier, Giant Bugnot, Snow Queen, Gold Margined and others. You will find this mixture is not excelled by any other mixture sent out. Packet, 200 seeds and over, 20 cents; three packets, 50 cents.

SWEET PEAS.

Bancroft's Special Mixture. Twenty-five distinct named varieties in this mixture. As fine a mixture as is possible to send out. Packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; quarter pound, 20 cents; pound, 75 cents.

NASTURTIUM.

Bancroft's Special Mixture. All the dwarf varieties named in our Catalogue, and many others. Packet, 10 cents; ounce, 25 cents; one-fourth pound, 85 cents.

SPECIAL OFFER.—One packet each of the above for 25 cents, or five of the above collection for \$1.00.

We want every lover of flowers who reads this Catalogue to try this collection. Have your neighbors send with you. We know you will be pleased, as every variety in this collection is one of special merit.

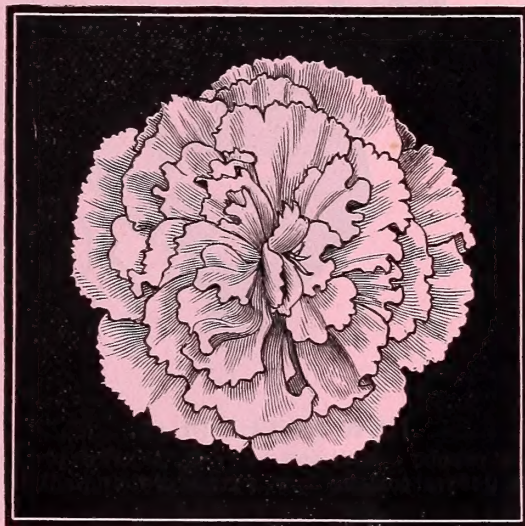
MADAME GUNTHER'S HYBRID NASTURTIUMS.

For richness and variety of colors these new hybrids have no equals among Nasturtiums. The foliage is mostly dark, contrasts very effectively with the flowers. They are climbers and are free and continuous bloomers. Color of flowers is most gorgeous, ranging

from white through all shades of pink, red, carmine, crimson, salmon, golden yellow to the deepest brown and maroon—nearly black—all striped, shaded and blotched in an indescribable manner. Packet, 10 cents; 3 packets, 25 cents.

NEW CARNATION.

Guillaud. This new Carnation has been obtained by careful selection from the Margurite and is far superior to any other Carnation grown from seed. They will, also, like the Margurite, bloom the first summer, and if taken up in the fall, will bloom during the winter. Packet, 15 cents; 2 packets 25 cents.



THE GUILLAUD.

NEW DWARF EARLY COSMOS.

Dawn. A most beautiful flower either for table or for corsage bouquets. The great trouble with the old variety has been its late blooming habit. This variety commences to bloom in July, continuing until frost. Color, pure white, with faint tinge of rose. Packet 15 cents; 2 packets 25 cents.



COSMOS.

NEW FUCHSIAS.

Marengo. This grand variety is without a doubt the most desirable sort for hanging baskets. It is neat, compact growth, not coarse, and very symmetrical. The habit is vigorous, with large, healthy leaves. Corolla, dark amaranth red; single; sepals carmine. 15 cents each, two for 25 cents.



NEW SWEET PEAS.

The *most* popular annual now before the American people. Our collection this year contains the very cream of the novelties and our customers can rely on something fine in every variety.

Red Riding Hood. This is an entirely new departure in form, and might be called a freak. It closely resembles a diminutive hood; the standards form a perfect back ruffled into the wings which form the sides, from between which peeps a bit of white keel, quite like a face. The standards and wings are a rosy pink, shading to a blueish white at the calyx.

Burpee's Pink Cupid. A sport from Blanch Ferry, and, unlike the White Cupid, it is of strong germinating quality. The flowers are identical with Blanch Ferry, are equally as large and fine and of superior keeping qualities. Packet of 24 seeds, 25 cents; 5 packets, \$1 00; packets of 12 seeds, 15 cents; 5 packets, 50 cents.

Aurora. Of extra strong growth. The flowers, which are of immense size, are borne three and four on a stem; stems are extra long and strong. The color effect is gorgeous; both standards and wings are flaked and striped on a white ground with bright orange salmon.

Brilliant. The first real first-class bright scarlet Sweet Pea. The flowers are medium to large in size and retain their color under the hottest sun. The color is a rich *bright crimson scarlet*.

Golden Gate. Its peculiar form is unlike any other Sweet Pea. The novel feature is seen in the long pointed wings which stand upright (like the ears of a rabbit) nearly parallel with the standard. The upright form suggested the name. Standards of soft pinkish mauve, wings a lighter mauve and lavender.

Maid of Honor. An improved Light Butterfly. The coloring is very beautiful, lighter than the original Butterfly. It is light blue on a white ground, shaded and edged. The flowers are of finest hooded form, and are entirely free from the notches so conspicuous in the original Butterfly.

Burpee's White Cupid. Great care has been exercised in this variety to make it of strong germinating quality which has been its failure in the past. We offer the very best stock, direct from Burpee.

New Double Sweet Peas.

We have as fine a strain as any, but not more than 40 per cent. of the flowers as yet come double from the most carefully selected seed. All colors mixed.

Price of all new Sweet Peas (except Pink Cupid.) Packet, 10 cents. One packet each of the nine varieties, including the Pink Cupid, for 60 cents.

IMPERIAL JAPANESE IPOMOEAS,

(Or Emperor Morning Glories.)

Wherever climbers can be grown these should have a prominent place. They are beyond question the handsomest of a handsome family, and well deserve their title of "Imperial" or "Emperor"



IMPERIAL IPOMOEAS.

Morning Glories. Of the easiest culture, can be sown in the open ground in a sunny situation when the weather has become warm and settled; they soon cover a large area, being of strong rapid growth, and even before flowering are decidedly novel and interesting on account of the varied forms of the foliage and their markings. But it is when in flower that their marvelous beauty arrests the attention of every one. The flowers are of gigantic size, of good substance, remaining open the greater part of the day. The colorings are beyond description: the self or solid colors range from snow-white to black-purple, with all the possible intermediate shades such as pink, rose, fiery-red, copper-red, carmine, crimson, pale blue, deep blue, royal-purple, maroon, indigo, bronze, slate, brown, cherry, ash-gray, etc., etc., others are edged with white, having throats of one of the above colors, while in others this is reversed, the throats being white and the edging of color; there is also an endless number having flowers spotted, marbled, striped, flaked, splashed, etc. All colors; mixed. Packet, 10 cents; 3 packets.

JAPANESE SNOWBALL.

A new variety of Snowball. Growth upright and compact. Foliage olive green through the summer, but towards fall it turns much darker and remains on the plant for some time after the first frosts. Flowers, though hardly as large as the old variety, are much more numerous. The leaves are in pairs along the stem, and from the base of each leaf a ball of flowers appears. There are often as many as ten pairs of these, or twenty balls on a branch eighteen inches long. These balls, as they expand, all face upward, so that a full view of their great beauty is always to be had. To be a universal favorite a shrub must be hardy, easily transplanted, and its growth of good shape, and beautiful both in leaf and flower. The Japan Snowball embraces all of these points to the fullest extent. 40 cents each, three for \$1.00.



[IVY GERANIUM.]

SOME GRAND NEW GERANIUMS.

Never has there been such improvement in this popular flower as during the past three years. These grand varieties here offered are way ahead of any that have heretofore been sent out.

Mad. Bruant. A grand variety, wholly distinct from any other in cultivation. White, veined carmine lake, regularly bordered with bright solferino. The arrangement of color is fine, often producing a striped effect; trusses are large and of fine form. The most distinct and wonderfully colored variety yet sent out.

Fleur Poitevine. Large single flowers, bright rosy carmine, marbled and striped pure white, producing an aureole of deep orange, carmine in center. Dwarf grower and wonderfully free flowering.

J. Ricaud. Very free flowering, double variety; enormous trusses of purplish crimson of very intense shade; center distinctly marked white, which shows beautifully with other color.

Double New Life. Outer florets are large, of brilliant red; in the center of these appears another semi-double floret, pure white in color, effecting a charming contrast, having the appearance of being produced artificially.

Mad. Jaulin. Very large. Center of flower very delicate pink, bordered with pure white. For freshness and beauty this sort is unrivaled.

J. Sallier. A vigorous growing and remarkably free flowering single variety, and entirely distinct. Edge of petals carmine lake; the center is tinted rose and heliotrope; the upper petals are veined carmine and marked with orange at base.

Other New Varieties.

We also have about fifteen other new varieties of which we have not yet sufficient stock to catalogue. For \$1.00 we will make up a collection of ten varieties, all new ones, or five for 50 cents. Strictly our selection, but every one shall be a superior variety.

Price of New Geraniums:—15 cents each, four for 50 cents. Large size, 25 cents each, five for \$1.00.

NEW IMPATIENS, SALMON BEAUTY.

A seedling of our own, similar in habit and blooming qualities to the Impatiens Sultani, but the flower is a beautiful, clear, light pink. A profuse bloomer and strong grower. Well worthy of a trial. Small plants 15 cents each. Larger size, 25 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

IVY GERANIUM.

The rapid progress in the improvement of Ivy Leaved Geranium has rapidly brought them to the front as a basket, vase or bedding plant. The flowers are nearly as large as the best Zonale Geranium, and equal in color and blooming qualities.

Chas. Monslet. Very full, fiery red; upper petals beautifully marked.

Ges. Chanpronnet. A grand pure scarlet, of beautiful rose form, quite circular, and of large size. The most beautiful of all the solid reds.

Rycroft Surprise. Of bold, vigorous, upright habit. A lovely distinct shade of soft rose.

Incomparable. Florets immense and very regular in form. Quite full. Color, intense shade of rosy carmine.

Eden Marchii. Flowers very large. Rosy salmon, shaded violet.

La Fondra. Quite double, of bright orange scarlet.

Price of Ivy Geraniums:—10 cents each, the set of six for 50 cents. Larger size, 20 cents each, six for 75 cents.

ASPARAGUS SPRENGERI.

A most desirable new species, especially useful to grow as a pot plant for decorative purposes or for planting in suspended baskets; the fronds are frequently four feet long, are of a rich shade of green and most useful for cutting, retaining their freshness after being cut for weeks. It will make an excellent house plant, as it withstands dry atmosphere and will succeed in almost any position. No introduction of recent years has made such a favorable impression upon us as this graceful Asparagus. Plants, 25 cents each; larger size, 50 cents each.



NEW CARNATION—FLORA HILL.

NEW CARNATIONS.

Flora Hill. Of enormous size and perfectly free in bloom. Strong but rather dwarf grower. Claimed to be the coming white.

Mrs. Chas. H. Duhme. Color lively, delicate pink, large flower, and fragrant; plant vigorous grower, free and constant bloomer.

Maud Dean. Delicate blush white gradually deepening in center, making it the most distinctly beautiful flower yet sent out, delightfully fragrant.

Della Fox. Clear salmon pink, deeper shade than Daybreak; extremely prolific and a stronger grower than Daybreak.

Jubilee. Color, intense scarlet of richest shade, of immense size on long stiff stems; extremely prolific. The finest red yet sent out.

Mayor Pingree. Color, clear lemon yellow, lightly marked with pink and occasionally splashed with white. A very strong, robust grower, continuous bloomer, and not a cropper. Blooms measure $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 inches and over in diameter. Stems extraordinarily stiff and from 18 to 30 inches long as the season advances. Excellent keeper, very productive.

Armazindy. Pure white, slightly penciled scarlet, tall, strong grower and prolific bloomer; a beautiful sort.

Harrison's White. A white Wm. Scott, identical to its parent except in color; an extremely vigorous grower and free bloomer.

Price of New Carnations, small plants in the Spring, 15 cents each, the seven for 75 cents.

CLEMATIS PANICULATA.

The best of all hardy climbers. Of rapid growth; perfectly hardy; showy foliage; thousands of sweet scented flowers on a single plant. This is one of the most desirable, handsomest and hardiest of our garden vines, and it is long lived and easy to grow and manage. It is one of the very best of vines to grow near the house, as it is so free from insects, and remains neat looking throughout the whole summer. It will also grow up against any outbuilding, trellis, over any place, up a pole or pillar or stump. The flowers are of medium size, pure white, borne in immense sheets, and of a most delicious and penetrating fragrance. The flowers appear late in September, at a season when very few other vines are in bloom. The extreme rapidity of growth, the showy foliage, beautiful and fragrant flowers and entire hardihood, serve to make this one of the very choices of recent introductions. 20 cents each, three for 50 cents. Extra large, field grown roots, 40 cents each, three for \$1.00, postpaid.



PRESIDENT CARNOT.

NEW ROSES.

President Carnot. One of the most beautiful roses in existence. For the garden it is without a superior, of vigorous growth and very prolific, buds are large and magnificently formed, color a rosy flesh, very soft in center and shaded with a lighter flesh at the ends of the petals, the bud is long and pointed. We can confidently recommend this to every lover of beautiful flowers—and who is not. Try some in your garden this year. They will more than surprise and please you. Small plants, 20 cents each; 3 for 50 cents; 6 for \$1.00. Larger size, 30 cents each; 2 for 50 cents; 4 for \$1.00.

Climbing Meteor. This new rose might, from its rich red color, almost be called a "*Perpetual Blooming Climbing General Jacqueminot*." Though a sport from that finest of all scarlet Hybrid Teas, Meteor, it is much larger, and of a deeper, richer color. It is a rose which will make *ten to fifteen feet of growth in a season*. Buds exquisite; flowers large, beautifully shaped, and of that rich, dark, velvety crimson color seen only in the Jacqueminot. A fine rose for summer blooming, as it will make a large growth and is loaded with glorious blossoms. Large, strong, well rooted, healthy plants, 25 cents each; five for \$1.00.

HARDY MEMORIAL ROSE.

Wichuraiana. We consider this beautiful trailing rose well worthy of more than general mention in this catalogue.

The flowers are produced in great profusion in clusters on the ends of the short side branches during the middle of the summer and sparingly the rest of the season. They are single, pure white, with a golden yellow disc, four to six inches in circumference, and have the strong fragrance of the Bansik roses.

For use in cemeteries nothing is more beautiful and enduring for covering graves and plots in cemeteries than the Hardy Memorial Rose. It creeps along the ground almost as closely as an Ivy, and forming a dense mat of very dark green lustrous foliage.

Planted in the Rose Garden and trained upright to a stake it may be had from three to six feet high, as desired, and it will send sprays of flowers drooping downward, making a very beautiful effect.

Splendid for covering rock work. It quickly adapts itself to almost any condition. Three of the smaller size or two of larger size plants will cover a grave in one season.

Price, 15 cents each; 3 for 40 cents; 6 for 75 cents; 12 for \$1.25. Larger size, 25 cents each; 5 for \$1.00; extra large, 40 cents each.



All Our Wichuraiana Roses are Pot Grown This Year



NEW YELLOW SOUPERT, "MOSELLA."

This lovely new addition to the Soupert family was imported from Germany. It has the genuine dwarf growing free flowering Soupert habit. Produces beautiful clusters of very double, ball-shaped flowers which open like a Camelia. The buds are also very pretty. The color is a white tint on beautiful light yellow ground. A great addition to our summer bedding Roses. 20 cents each, three for fifty cents.

Note our large list of Everblooming and Hybrid Perpetual Roses in back part of book.

THE NEW CLIMBING ROSE, YELLOW RAMBLER.

Aglaia. The flowers are borne in immense clusters, after the same manner as the Crimson Rambler, often as many as *one hundred and fifty blossoms in a bunch*, and the trusses have the same handsome pyramidal shape as those of the Crimson Rambler. The color is a decided yellow. Many roses which are described as yellow have really only a creamy tinge, but the Yellow Rambler is a clear, decided yellow. The blossoms are of moderate size—about like "Gloire des Polyanthus"—cup-shaped, nearly full, of very pretty form. The flowers are very sweetly scented, in which respect the variety has an important point of superiority over Crimson Rambler, which is without fragrance. The flowers last three to four weeks without fading, and a large bush in full bloom is one of the most beautiful sights imaginable. The habit of growth is very vigorous, well established plants often making shoots of from eight to ten feet in height in a single season. It has been found to successfully withstand, without protection, a continued temperature of from zero to two degrees below, which proves it to be far harder than any other yellow climbing rose yet introduced, and we believe that by laying the plants down in the winter, it can be successfully grown in nearly all the northern parts of the United States, in fact anywhere that other roses succeed at all well. 20 cents each, three for 50 cents. Larger size, 35 cents each.

NEW AND RARE PELARGONIUMS.

TYPE OF OUR NEW PELARGONIUM M.

Mad. Gustave Henry. Rosy carmine with a white center, deep purplish blotch. Very strong, dwarf and compact grower. Early, and a free bloomer, lasting in bloom until the end of the season.

Madam Thibaut. White, richly blotched and marbled with rose, immense trusses of large, fine flowers with undulated petals.

Madam Vibert. This has all the good points of its class, of the same sturdy growth, bushy habit and wonderful freedom of bloom. Most striking and effective coloring. The black maroon blotches are bordered with violet red, while the entire flower is edged rose.

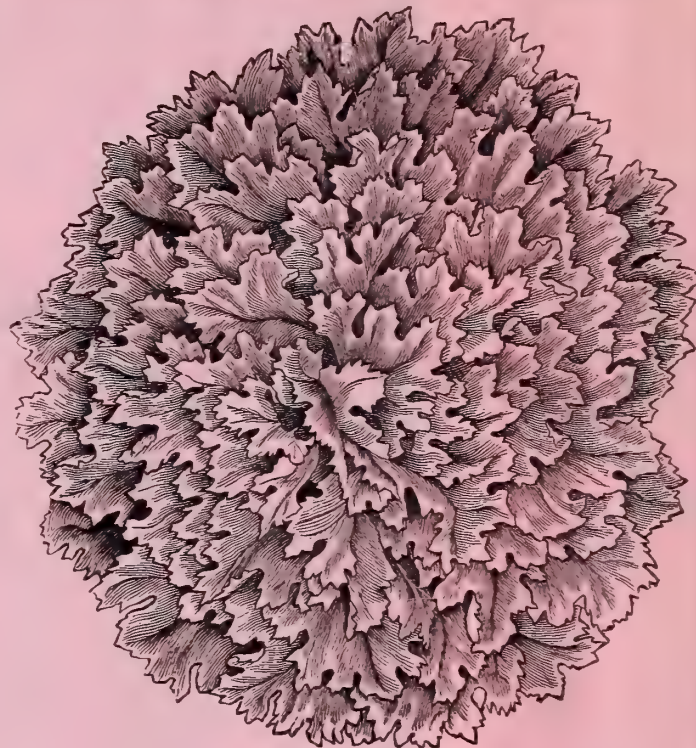
Mrs. Robt. Sandiford. Flowers large size, well doubled, beautifully ruffled and of glistening snow white color.

Queen Victoria. A grand variety. Fine ruffled flower, almost a clear claret, beautifully and distinctly bordered pure white.

Price of Pelargoniums: Strong plants, 30 cents each, four for \$1.00.

CRIMSON SPIREA.

Anthony Waterer. It outshoes all Spireas in brilliancy of color. A bright crimson. It is also much dwarfer and denser of growth. When scarcely three inches high it begins to bloom and thereafter is seldom out of flower. As a house plant nothing can equal it. In the garden it will make a plant three feet high and wide, and will be covered with flower heads six inches across. It is also perfectly hardy and will stand the most severe winter with slight protection. 15 cents each, three for 40 cents, postpaid.

GRAND NEW DOUBLE WHITE PETUNIA, PIERRE.

Of immense size, perfectly formed and fringed, and of purest white. A strong grower. Fine for cemeteries. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen. Larger size, 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

RUDBECKIA, "GOLDEN GLOW."

A glorious new hardy herbaceous plant, and one that should find a place in every garden. It is of fine habit, vigorous growth, with early, continuous and immense blooming qualities. It will be found excellent also for cut flower purposes. The stems are long and gracefully poised; the foliage is abundant and ornamental. It attains a height of from six to eight feet, and a small plant set out in the spring will produce hundreds of blossoms during August and September, each one as large as a fair-sized Chrysanthemum. Price, 20 cents each, three for 50 cents, seven for \$1.00.

THE TWO NEW ITALIAN CANNAS, ITALIA AND AUSTRIA.

These two varieties, for which a fabulous price has heretofore been asked, have whetted the appetite of connoisseurs for them. They were sent out for the first time in the spring of 1896, at which time they were offered at \$5.00 each. They have proved on trial to be fully as good as they were claimed to be. The flowers are of immense size. They are as much larger than the best of the Crozy types as Mme. Crozy is larger than the varieties which preceded it. They measure fully eight inches across, petals measuring $2\frac{1}{4}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches across. Both of these varieties are magnificent. We cannot praise them too highly, for they are the very finest novelties that have been sent out in years. We recommend them with the greatest confidence, knowing that they will give satisfaction to our customers. The exorbitant price asked for them last spring prevented their being purchased by many, but now that we can offer them at a reasonable price, they should be in the hands of every one who is desirous of obtaining the largest and rarest varieties.

Austria. Is a bright golden yellow with the faintest possible scarlet markings on one of the petals—so faint that it is safe to call it a perfectly pure yellow—the slight markings of scarlet being invisible at any distance. 30 cents each, two for 50 cents.

Italia. Is a much deeper golden yellow, the center of each petal being marked with scarlet. 20 cents each, three for 50 cents.

THE NEW YELLOW CANNA, BURBANK.

The new California Hybrid with giant, orchid-like flowers. This variety was raised by Luther Burbank, of Sonoma county, California, the originator of many valuable fruits, flowers and vegetables. Flowers are of gigantic size, the three upper petals spreading fully seven inches, and are a rich canary yellow with a few carmine spots in the throat. A magnificent novelty. 40 cents each, three for \$1.00.

One each of Cannas Italia, Burbank, Austria for 65 cents.

Cut Flowers

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WE are always in the market with the finest and choicest collection of cut flowers the season affords. Both in loose flowers and design work we send out nothing but the best, which we know will compare favorably with those sent out by any other house. We have unexcelled facilities for growing, storing, and shipping the very finest quality in every line. **To those who have never tried us**, we would ask for a trial order from you. We guarantee satisfaction in every way.

How to Order.

When time is limited *always* order by telephone or telegraph. If order by mail is for immediate shipment, please affix a special delivery stamp.

When to Order.

Give us as much time as possible. Do not be afraid to order even a week or two ahead. You are sure of getting just what you want. Where an order is not sent in till the last thing, we sometimes have to substitute, but not very often, either on kind or color of flower wanted.

Flowers by Express.

All cut flowers, designs, etc., packed to carry long distances safely, either winter or summer.

Flowers in Care of Baggage Man.

On night trains that do not carry express, and on freights, we send packages prepaid. They will go for the same cost and almost as safe as by express, but persons ordering same must make arrangements to meet the train at the depot when it comes in.

Flowers by Mail.

We often send small boxes of loose cut flowers, 50 cents or \$1.00 by mail, but it is not safe, as they are liable to be miscarried or delayed enroute.

Terms and Conditions.

Cut flowers are strictly cash, and payment must be made immediately on receipt of flowers. We do not send C. O. D. It often embarrasses those who buy, and it is a needless expense.

Complaints, to be entertained, must be made immediately on receipt of flowers.

While we exercise the greatest care to have all flowers reach their destination on time, and will not ship unless we are reasonably sure of them reaching you on time, we positively will not be responsible for delays in trains, wrecks or express agents' negligence.

Our Shipping Facilities.

The simple fact that four great harvester companies have their general agencies in this city is in itself a sufficient guarantee that there are none better in Northern Iowa.

PRICES OF LOOSE CUT FLOWERS.

Below we give a table showing about what you may expect to pay at the different seasons. Others may be lower at times, but when they get a chance they will make up for it, and more, too. These prices are for the very best stock—stock that we know can not be excelled by any one.

ROSES.	Dec. 22 to Jan. 2.	Easter.	Nov. 1 to May 1.	May 1 to June 15.	June 15 to Oct. 1.	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1.
Bride (finest white)	\$2 00	\$1 50	\$1 25	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$1 00
Bridesmaid	2 00	1 50	1 25	1 00	1 00	1 00
Perle des Jardins (Light Yellow)	1 75	1 25	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Sunset (Apricot Yellow)	1 75	1 25	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Meteor and other Reds	2 50	1 75	1 25	1 25	1 00	1 00
Belle Siebrecht	2 00	1 50	1 25	1 00	1 00	1 00
[We usually bill all Roses throughout the season at \$1.00 per dozen, except when the demand is very heavy and at Holidays, and never over the above prices quoted.]						
CARNATIONS.						
White, Light and Dark Pink, Red and Variegated	75	75	40 to 50	40 to 50	35	40

Assorted Boxes of loose cut flowers, and green, suitable for any occasion, at \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$5.00 and \$10.00. Try one of our \$1.00 boxes for your sick friends. It will surprise and please them, and nothing will cheer them more. Sent *express prepaid, anywhere*, for \$1.00.

Special Rates will be made to those wishing large quantities. Send list of wants and get our prices before you buy.

LILIES.

Harrisii and Callas. Season, December 1st to June 1st. 20 cents each; \$2.00 per dozen. Large quantities always on hand at Easter at no advance in price.

HYACINTHS.

White and Pink Romans. Season, from December 15th to April 1st. 50 to 75 cents per dozen.

Dutch. Season, January 15th to April 15th. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

NARCISSUS.

Double Yellow Von Sion. Season, January 15th to April 1st. 75 cents per dozen.

We have a constant supply of the different varieties from November 20th to April 1st. Price, 50 cents and \$1.00 per dozen, according to size.

LILIES OF THE VALLEY.

Season, January 1st to April 1st. 75 cents per dozen.

VIOLETS.

Season, December 1st, to April 15th. Double and Single Blue and Double White, 25 cents per dozen. After March 1st, 25 cents per bunch.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

All the fashionable colors. Season, October 15th to December 25th. Choice flowers, 50 cents per dozen; better grade, 75 cents per dozen; extra select, \$1.00 to \$1 50 per dozen.

SMILAX,

Twenty-five cents per yard.

MARGUERITES.

White and Yellow, 15 cents per dozen.

SWANSONIA.

Like White Sweet Peas. 25 cents per dozen.

Also other flowers in their season at reasonable prices.

Try one of our \$1.00 boxes of Cut Flowers for your sick friend. Sent by express, charges prepaid, for \$1.00.

[8] Designs for Weddings, Receptions, Graduations, Etc.

Bell. 18 inches across, \$15.00; 24 inches, \$20.00.
Balls. \$2.50 and \$5.00.
Bow and Arrow. Two feet across, \$8.00.
Horse Shoe. 10 inches, \$2.50; 12 inches, \$4.00; 14 inches, \$5.00.
Lover's Knot. 14 inches across, \$7.00.
Yoke. 30 inches across, \$12.00.
Baskets. Smallest size, 50 cents and \$1.00 each; medium, \$1.50 and \$2.00; larger, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$4.00 each; extra fancy, \$5.00, \$7.00, \$8.00 and \$10.00 each.

BOUQUETS.

Hand.—Small, \$1.00 and \$1.50; medium, \$2.00 and \$3.00; fancy, for weddings, tied with ribbon, \$3.00, \$5.00 and \$7.00.
Buttonhole.—For gents, 10 cents each, 75 cents per dozen, \$5.00 per 100; fancy, 20 cents each, \$1.75 per dozen, \$10.00 per 100.
Corsage.—For ladies, small, 35 cents each, \$3.50 per dozen; larger size, 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.
Table.—50 cents, 75 cents \$1.00 and \$1.50 each.

Special Lodge Designs.

A. O. U. W. Anchor and Shield, 20 inches long, \$9.00; 24 inches, \$12.00.
Epworth League. Maltese Cross with E. L. On largest sizes can inscribe "Look Up," "Lift Up." Ten inches across, \$4.00; 12 inches, \$5.00; 16 inches, \$7.50; 20 inches, \$12.00.
Knights of Pythias. Triangle—Colors, Red, Yellow and Blue, Lettering C. B. F. 12 inches, \$5.00; 14 inches, \$7.00; 16 inches, \$9.00; 18 inches, \$12.00

Knights Templar. Maltese Cross, with Cross and Crown, 24 inches high, \$20.00.
Masonic. Square and Compass, 12 inches across, \$5.00; 14 inches, \$6.00; 16 inches, \$7.00.
Odd Fellows. Three Links. 18 inches, \$7.00; 21 inches, \$8.00; 24 inches, \$10.00.
Order Eastern Star. Star points Blue, Yellow, White, Red and Green. Letters, F. A. T. A. L. 12 inches, \$5.00; 14 inches, \$7.00; 16 inches, \$9.00.

Designs Suitable for Funerals and Decoration Day.

Anchor Chained to Cross. About 28 inches high, with Doves, \$25.00.
Anchor, Flat. 10 inches, \$2.00; 12 inches, \$3.00; 14 inches, \$4.00; 15 inches, \$5.00; 18 inches, \$7.00; 24 inches, \$10.00.
Anchor, Reclining. 12 inches, \$5.00; 15 inches, \$6.00.
Anchor, Standing. 15 inches high, \$5.00; 18 inches, \$7.00; 20 inches, \$8.00, 24 inches, \$10.00.
Broken Column. 15 inches high, \$7.00; 18 inches high, \$9.00; 21 inches high, \$12.00; 24 inches high, \$18.00.
Broken Wheel. 18 inches across, \$10.00; 21 inches, \$12.00; 24 inches, \$15.00.
Crescent. 12 inches across, \$5.00.
Crosses, Flat. 10 inches, \$2.50; 12 inches, \$3.50; 14 inches, \$4.00; 15 inches, \$5.00; 16 inches, \$6.50; 20 inches, \$8.00; 24 inches, \$10.00.
Crosses, Standing. 18 inches high, \$6.50; 20 inches, \$8.50; 24 inches, \$12.
Crosses, Standing with Slanting Arm. 24 inches high, \$12.00.
Cross and Crown. Very beautiful. 18 inches high, \$10.00; 21 inches, \$12.00; 24 inches, \$15.00.
Cross, Maltese. 12 inches, \$5.00; 14 inches, \$6.00; 16 inches, \$7.50; 20 inches, \$10.00; 24 inches, \$12.00.
Cross, Casket. Like Maltese Cross only one arm is longer. 15 inches, \$6.00; 18 inches, \$8.00; 20 inches, \$10.00; 24 inches, \$13.50.
Cross and Sickle. On stand, 3 feet high, \$18.00.
Dove. Pure white, natural dove, stuffed; various positions, \$2.50 each.
Gates Ajar. 18 inches across, \$13.50; 21 inches across, \$17.50; 24 inches across, \$22.50.
Harp. On stand, 15 inches high, \$5.00; 18 inches high, \$7.50; 21 inches high, \$10.00; 24 inches high, \$12.50.

Harp. Flat, to lay on casket. 12 inches long, \$4.00; 15 inches long, \$6.00.
Hearts. 10 inches across, \$3.00; 12 inches across, \$4.00; 14 inches across, \$6.00.
Lyre, on Base. 15 inches high, \$5.00; 18 inches high, \$7.50; 21 inches high, \$10.00; 24 inches high, \$12.50.
Lyre, Flat. 12 inches long, \$4.00; 15 inches long, \$5.00.
Ladder, Reclining. 24 inches long, \$8.00.
Pillows. 10 inches across, \$3.50; 12 inches across, \$5.00; 15 inches across, \$6.50; 18 inches across, \$8.00; 21 inches across, \$10.00; 24 inches across, \$13.00. With Dove, \$2.50 extra.
Sickle. 12 inches long, \$2.50; 15 inches long, \$4.00; 18 inches long, \$5.00; 24 inches long, \$6.50.
Sheaf Wheat. 75 cents, \$1.00 and \$1.50 each.
Sickle on Easel, with Sheaf of Wheat. 21 inches high, \$7.00; 24 inches high, \$9.00.
Sheaf Wheat, tied with ribbons and flowers, \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$5.00 each.
Shield. 12 inches across, \$6.00; 16 inches across, \$8.00; 18 inches across, \$12.00.
Stars. 10-inch, \$2.50; 12-inch, \$4.50; 15 inch, \$6.00; 18-inch, \$8.00.
Scroll. 24 inches high, \$13.50.
Wreaths, Reclining. 12-inch, \$5.00; 14-inch, \$6.00.
Wreaths. 8-inch, \$2.00; 10-inch, \$3.00; 12-inch, \$4.00; 14-inch, \$5.00; 16-inch, \$6.50; 18-inch, \$8.00; 20-inch, \$10.00; 24-inch, \$12.00.
Flat Bouquets of Roses, Hyacinths, Chrysanthemums, Carnations, etc., for laying on casket, tied with ribbon, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00 each.
Sago Palm Leaves tied with ribbon and flowers, \$2.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00.

In Design work and Cut Flowers we excel. We have four large greenhouses devoted exclusively to growing cut flowers, and are better able to fill your orders, be they large or small, than any firm in Northern Iowa. These measurements of designs are mostly made before design is made up.

Special Designs.

Special Designs made on short notice at reasonable prices.
Lettering can be placed on nearly all the larger designs. Price, 50 cents on all designs costing less than \$5.00; those costing \$5.00 and over, no extra charge.

Plants in Bloom in Their Season.

We have large quantities of plants in bloom, including the following. Nothing is more beautiful for a greeting than these. Descriptions will be found under their various headings:

Azaleas. Beautiful plants in bloom. \$1.00 and \$1.50 each.
Hyacinths. In pots, various colors. 25 cents each.
Lily of the Valley. In pots. 25 cents each.
Violets. White and Blue. 20 cents each.

Lily, Harrisii. The true Easter Lily, at 50 cents, 75 cents, \$1.00 and \$1.25 each.
Primroses. Obconica and Chinese. 15 and 25 cents each.
Narcissus and Daffodils. In pots, two to five bulbs in a pot. Various varieties. 25 cents per pot.

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The Above Cuts are Made from Photographs of Our Own Work, but Give but a Faint Idea of the Beauty and Finish of Our Designs.

VEGETABLE SEEDS.

Owing to the rapid increase of other lines of our business we have not the time to devote to them and have decided to discontinue handling vegetable seeds.

Our list of flowers seeds will be found larger than ever. All of the choicest quality possible to obtain.

CHOICE FLOWER SEEDS.

In the rapid and growing taste for flowers, the seedsman has been a most important factor, supplying at a moderate cost hundreds of beautiful varieties of Annuals and Hardy Perennials, as well as the most tender sort for the greenhouse. The seeds we offer are the very best varieties grown and all of the finest quality, and we know they will suit the most exacting buyers.

Flowers are usually divided into two classes, viz.: Annuals and Perennials. Annuals are those that bloom and ripen seed the first year and then die. Among these may be found some of our most brilliant and fragrant flowers. In fact, if you want flowers early in the season, and all the time till frost, a good selection of Annuals will not disappoint you. Of Perennials we have listed only those that flower the first season after sowing.

For early planting we would recommend all to procure their seeds early.

HOW TO SOW FLOWER SEEDS.

A shallow box is best to sow flower seed in. Make two or three holes in the bottom for drainage and fill nearly to the top with rich loam, *without manure*. Take small pieces of board and press the soil perfectly smooth and level. Sow the seed evenly. Take two parts of pure sand to one of loam and mix well. Place a small quantity of this in a fine sieve (it will not hurt your flour sieve if you have no other); do not shake it, but take one hand and rub the dirt through, watching the box, so as to cover it evenly. Small seed, like Petunia, Cineraria, etc., should be but slightly covered, while the larger ones, like Asters, Verbenas, etc., will do better if one-eighth of an inch of this fine covering material is used. Sprinkle after covering. Cut or fold a piece of cloth or paper the size of inside of box, wet and lay directly on the earth. This should remain until the seedlings are seen breaking through the ground, when it should be taken off and the box placed in a sunny window; not kept too wet or they will damp off (rot at the top of the ground.) As soon as the second leaves are well out they should be transplanted into pots or boxes. Small quantities of well decayed manure should then be used.

Many blame the seedsman for poor quality, and yet plant fine seeds like Petunia, Carnation, Pansy, Mignonette, Phlox, etc., in hard, rough ground, covering them one to two inches deep, and expect them to come up. Always use judgment in planting and see that your soil is well pulverized and medium rich.

For Early Bloom. Flowering soon after the seed is sown, we would recommend Alyssum, Candytuft, Larkspur, Mignonette and Double Poppies.

For a Showy Bed. You need nothing better than Balsam, Dianthus, Phlox, Petunia, Portulacca, Pansy and Verbena.

For Late Flowers. Nothing can surpass Aster, Adonis, Salvia, Scabioso, Zinnia and Cosmos.

For those not sufficiently experienced to know what are the best for a small flower garden, we have prepared the following:

FLOWER SEED COLLECTIONS.

Collection No. 1. Containing 20 varieties, amounting to \$1.00, sent postpaid for 75 cents.

Collection No. 2. Containing 15 varieties, amounting to 75 cents, sent postpaid for 60 cents.

Collection No. 3. Containing 12 varieties, amounting to 60 cents, sent postpaid for 50 cents.

CUSTOMERS SENDING $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \$1.00 \\ 2.00 \\ 3.00 \end{array} \right\}$ MAY SELECT $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \$1.30 \\ 2.70 \\ 4.00 \end{array} \right\}$ worth of Flower Seeds at Catalogue Prices.

Postage Paid. All flower seed will be mailed, postage paid, on receipt of price.

Size and Price of Packets. For the price we ask we guarantee our packages to contain as many seeds, quality considered, as those of any house. Some offer them cheaper, but either the quality or the quantity is lacking.

ALYSSUM.

Free flowering, pretty little plants for beds, edging or rock work, or winter blooming. The annual variety blooms all summer.

Sweet Alyssum. Flowers in white clusters; six inches. Packet, 5 cents.

The Gem. Very dwarf; height about four inches, and forming a compact little plant. Packet, 5 cents.

TRY ONE OF OUR \$1.00 BOXES OF CUT FLOWERS FOR YOUR SICK FRIEND.

Sent prepaid anywhere for \$1.00.

ASTERS.

One of the most popular flowers grown and one of the easiest culture. By starting some seed in the house and growing in succession, using the Vick's and Semple's branching for late, you can have a succession of bloom from July till frost.

Semple's Branching. A choice strain of American-grown Asters that, by careful selection, has been brought to perfection. Of branching habit, flowers of largest size and on very long stems. Beautiful clear pink and white and lavender mixed. Packet, 15 cents; 2 packets, 25 cents.

Vick's New White Branching. Flowers are of purest white and borne on long stems; greatly resemble Chrysanthemums in every way. Late flowering. Packet, 10 cents.

Balls of Fire. The most brilliant red Aster we have ever seen. Of compact, pyramidal growth and an abundant bloomer. Packet, 10 cents.

"Snowball," or Princess White. An excellent new dwarf White Aster, producing an abundance of flowers semi-spherical in form, composed of short, very thickly set, imbricated petals, a single plant often developing as many as thirty flowers. Packet, 10 cents.

Comet. In shape resembles Japanese Chrysanthemums. The petals are long, somewhat twisted or waxy-like; flowers large and perfectly double. Mixed varieties, 10 cents per packet.

Comet. White, rose and lavender, separate colors. Packet, 10 cents; 3 packets, 25 cents.

Trauffaut's Peony—Flowered Perfection. A handsome variety with incurved petals. The flowers are very large and almost perfectly round; grows about twenty inches high; separate colors, white, rose, red, dark blue or lavender or all colors mixed. Packet, 10 cents; 3 packets, 25 cents.

Victoria. Flowers globular shape, pyramidal growth. White, rose, lavender, or all colors mixed. Packet, 10 cents; 3 packets, 25 cents.

Asters.—Choice mixed, all colors, packet, 5 cents.

Excelsior Mixture of Tall Asters.

This is a mixture of the most beautiful, striking and delicate colors of all tall growing Asters, selected from the cream of the Truffauts, Victoria, Comet, Crown and other most desirable sorts. It has been specially prepared by us and is sure to satisfy the most critical lover of this most beautiful flower. Packet, 10 cents; extra large packet, 25 cents.

Excelsior Mixture of Dwarf Asters.

Like the above, this strain is a mixture of the finest varieties, but consists of dwarf and half-dwarf sorts in the choicest colors, and is especially adapted for edging and ribbons and for culture in pots. Packet, 10 cents; extra large packet, 25 cents.



COMET.



BALSAM.

HARDY ALPINE ASTERS.

Among hardy perennial plants these occupy a conspicuous place, for they are very handsome and ornamental, very free blooming and perfectly hardy. Packet, 10 cents.

BALSAM.

(Lady Slipper.)

Every one knows these beautiful old-fashioned flowers. *Snow White, Light Pink, Blotched.* Separate colors. Packet, 10 cents.

All colors mixed. Packet, 10 cents.

"CANARY BIRD" VINE.

A rapid growing summer climbing annual, growing ten to fifteen feet high. It will cover trellis work in the most graceful manner, producing hundreds of pretty fringed, bright yellow flowers which resemble a canary bird with expanded wings. Packet, 10 cents.

COLEUS.

Many varieties. Extra choice mixed, packet, 5 cents.

CARNATION.

Carnations and Picotee Pinks are general favorites for their delicious fragrance and richness of colors. The seed we offer has been imported from the best sources in Europe, and will produce many splendid novelties in double and semi-double flowers. Protect during winter; half-hardy perennials; one and one-half feet. Finest mixed varieties. Packet, 10 cents.

New Dwarf Marguerite Carnation. (A Carnation that blooms the first year from the seed.) Plants dwarf and compact. They flower most abundantly and throughout the whole year; 80 per cent. of the flowers are very double, never burst and embrace a great variety of colors. But of the greatest importance is the fact that the Seedlings bloom when only three months old, and Carnation flowers can be had all summer and winter if some consecutive sowings are made. Packet, 10 cents; three packets, 20 cents.

[For Pinks, see Dianthus.]

CONVOLVULOUS MAJOR.

The well-known Morning Glories. Finest mixed, packet, 5 cents.

CONVOLVULOUS MINOR.

"Bush Morning Glories." Finest mixed, packet, 5 cents.

NEW FRENCH CANNAS.

The seed offered is saved from a collection of the very best varieties. They are of easy growth, and any one not particular as to exact colors and forms of flowers can easily, at a reasonable cost have a fine collection of Cannas. Packet, 20 cents.



COXCOMB.

CANDYTUFT.

Universally known and cultivated, and considered indispensable for cutting. Sown in autumn produce flowers early in spring. Single plants transplanted look well and bloom profusely. Hardy annuals, one foot high.

New Empress. Quite dwarf, bearing immense trusses of pure white. Stands heat in summer excellently. The best white we have ever tried. Packet, 5 cents.

Mixed Colors. Packet, 5 cents; three for 10 cents.

CELOSIA, or COXCOMB.

Very popular annuals of the very easiest culture, producing large, ornamental comb-like heads. Not only are they highly prized for summer flower beds, but they make fine pot plants. Finest mixed packet, 5 cents.

CINERARIA.

A favorite greenhouse plant, with large, handsome flowers in richly diversified colors.

C. Hybrida Grandiflora. Choicest mixed, 25 cents.

CENTROSEMA GRANDIFLORA.

The Butterfly Pea. A new, perfectly hardy vine of rare beauty, which blooms the first season from seed. The buds and back of flowers are pure white. Packet, 10 cents.

CYCLAMEN.

Charming bulbous-rooted plants with beautiful foliage and rich colored orchid-like fragrant flowers. Universal favorites for winter and spring blooming. If seed is sown early they make flowering bulbs in one season. They require sandy loam. Half hardy perennial. Six inches.

Cyclamen Persicum, Mixed. Finest mixed, 25 cents a packet.

COSMOS.



COSMOS HYBRIDUS.

It is of strong growth, having elegant foliage, and for fall blooming has no superior. Seeds sown in April or May and transplanted to open ground will produce plants five or six feet high by September, and from then till November will be covered with hundreds of blossoms three inches across. Planted in pots and brought inside to flower, like Chrysanthemums, they are grand. The colors are of various shades from pure white to purplish crimson. Both foliage and flowers are unsurpassed for bouquets and vases. It is one of the most beautiful fall flowers, and will please all who grow it with a little care and attention. Mixed, all colors, packet, 5 cents; six packets for 25 cents. Pure white, packet 10 cents.

CYPRESS VINE.

An elegant climbing plant with beautiful fern-like foliage and masses of beautiful star-like flowers. Fifteen feet. Half hardy annuals. Mixed, packet, 5 cents.

COBÆA.

Scandens. Handsome bell-shaped purple flowers. Twenty-feet. Packet, 10 cents.

DELPHINIUM, or LARKSPUR.

Perennial Varieties.

D. Formosum. Bright blue with a white center. Fine for bouquets and a splendid garden decoration. Hardy. Five feet. Packet, 5 cents.

Annual Varieties.

These should be sown in the fall or early in the spring.

D. Double Dwarf Rocket. Mixed. Packet, 5 cents.

Hyacinth-Flowered Larkspur. This hardy annual derives its name from the striking resemblance of the flowers to a double hyacinth. The plants grow from two to three feet high. The colors are both brilliant and delicate; in them we have the purest

snow white, delicate peach blossom, lavender and flesh tints intermingled with rich, bright velvety purple, dark and light red, and striped shades. Their culture is the easiest possible. The seed should be sown early where the plants are intended to remain, in drills about 1½ inches deep. Mixed, packet, 10 cents; three for 20 cents.

DOUBLE DAISY.



DOUBLE DAISY—LONGFELLOW.

Very pretty flowers, desirable for borders. Thrive well in shady places. Height, four inches.

Longfellow. This variety produces dark pink flowers, usually large and double; very long and stiff flower spikes. Valuable for bouquets. 10 cents.

Snowball. Similar to Longfellow, but pure white in color. 10c.

Double Mixed. All varieties. Packet, 10 cents; 3 for 25 cents.

DIANTHUS.

(Pinks.)

Single Annual Varieties.

"Eastern Queen." Beautifully marbled, the broad bands of rich mauve upon the paler surface of the petals are very striking and pretty. Packet, 10 cents.

Double Annual Varieties.



DIANTHUS—CHINENSIS.

DIANTHUS—Continued.

"Crimson Belle." Is of a rich crimson color; flowers of a very large size and substance, evenly and finely laciniated. 10 cents.

Chinensis. Double. Mixed. Packet, 5 cents.

Laciniatus Fl. Pl. Double Japan pinks. Mixed colors with fringed flowers; make a lovely bed. Packet, 5 cents.

CODETIAS.

Of hardy annuals none are more beautiful than these, and if planted singly or in masses, the effect is grand. They are of dwarf, compact habit of growth, the flowers are of a handsome shape, in the most brilliant as well as delicate colors, and produced in such profusion that they completely hide the foliage. Of easy culture. Finest mixed colors. Packet, 5 cents.

CLIMBING COURDS.

(Useful, Ornamental and Fancy.)

Start the seeds in pots in the house and plant as soon as all danger from frost is over, as nearly all of the larger sorts require the whole season to mature properly. Give them a sunny situation and plenty of water. Many varieties. Mixed. Packet, 5 cents.

HYACINTH BEAN.

A rapid growing plant, flowering freely in clusters, for covering arbors, trellises, etc. Sow the seed in the garden where desired. Tender annual. Ten feet. Mixed; 5 cents.

HOLLYHOCKS.

Unrivalled as a picturesque relief to the dark background of evergreen shrubs. For distant effect in large groups they are matchless; they also form a showy and effective outline in flower gardens and borders. Bloom second season from seed. Our improved varieties are magnificent with the most perfect flowers. They are superb. Extra choice, from named sorts, per packet, 10 cents.

Have a fine lot of outdoor grown plants. Several colors, mixed. Strong plants, 20 cents each; 3 for 50 cts; 7 for \$1.00.

**LARKSPUR.**

(See Delphinium.)

MIGNONETTE.

A well-known fragrant favorite. If the plants are thinned out they will grow stronger and produce larger spikes of flowers. Fine for pot or garden culture, and can be had during the whole year by sowing at intervals. Hardy annuals.

Large Flowering. The common Sweet Mignonette. Packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents.

Parson's White. Large spikes of bloom; the stamens of the florets are white and very fragrant. Packet, 5 cents.

Machet. Dwarf and vigorous; of pyramidal growth. Numerous broad, long spikes of deliciously scented red flowers. Entirely distinct; is considered almost an everblooming sort. Packet, 10 cents.



MIGNONETTE.

LOBELIA.

Charming little plants, suitable for edging beds, hanging baskets, vases, window boxes, etc., standing sun and heat extremely well.

Crystal Palace. Very dwarf, compact, erect grower; very deep blue. Fine border plant. Packet, 10 cents.

Gracilis. Bright blue; trailing habit. Best for baskets, etc. Packet, 5 cents.

Gracilis Albia. White. Packet, 5 cents.

MAURANDIAS.

Exquisite, slender climbing plants, with graceful foliage and handsome white, pink or purple trumpet-shaped flowers. Finest mixed colors. Packet, 10 cents.

MYOSOTIS.

(Forget-Me-Not.)



MYOSOTIS.

Neat and beautiful little plants with star-like flowers, succeeding best in a shady, moist situation. Half hardy perennials, blooming the first year from seed if sown early.

Alba. Pure white. Packet, 10 cents.

Pallustris. The true Forget-me-not. Beautiful blue flowers. Packet, 10 cents.

Mixed Colors. Packet, 5 cents.

MOON FLOWER.

(*Ipomoea*.)

Tender annuals of rapid growth, with beautiful and varied flowers. For covering old walls, trellises, arbors, or stumps of trees they are invaluable. Seed should be started in pots in the house. Fifteen feet.

Bona Nox. (*Evening Glory*.) Violet; large, fragrant flowers, expanding in the evening. Packet, 10 cents.

Noctiflora. (*Hybrid Moon Flower*.) Abundance of large, pure white fragrant flowers, five to six inches in diameter. It grows very rapidly and will cover a large surface. Packet, 10 cents.

NASTURTIUM.

These should not be planted in too rich soil. The dwarf varieties of Nasturtium are among the most useful of annuals for bedding, massing, etc., owing to their compact growth, richness of color and profusion of bloom. The tall sorts are admirably adapted for rock work, covering trellises, etc. They remain in bloom for a long time, stand heat and drought without the slightest effect. The seed, if picked young, is an excellent substitute for capers.

Dwarf Varieties.

Empress of India. A splendid dwarf variety with very dark leaves and crimson flowers.

Aurora. New: deep chrome yellow, upper petals showing lighter reflex, two lower petals blotched and veined purplish carmine.

Lady Bird. A new and distinct sort; ground color rich golden yellow, each petal barred with a broad vein of bright ruby crimson.

Gold Cloth. Foliage bright golden yellow, flowers intense scarlet.

Prince Henry. A new and novel sort. The flowers are of a beautiful golden yellow, spotted and marbled with brilliant scarlet, which, in combination with the dark green foliage, presents a striking appearance.



King Theodore. Very dark crimson.

Pearle. The nearest approach to white.

Special Mixture. A mixture of above named varieties and several others.

Prices of above; Packet, 5 cents; ounce, 25 cents.

One packet each of above seven named varieties, 25 cents.

Choice mixed varieties, packet, 5 cents; ounce, 15 cents; quarter pound, 45 cents.

Tall Varieties.

King Theodore. Rich deep crimson, dark leaves. Most striking of its class.

Lobb's Nasturtium. They are as easily grown as the common Tall Nasturtium, which they far surpass in the brilliancy of their flowers in height, rapid growth and freedom of bloom. They are also very desirable for winter blooming. Mixed, all colors.

Tall Prince Henry. Flowers light yellow, marble and striped bright scarlet.

Tall Light Yellow.

Tall Scarlet.

Price of Tall Varieties. Packet, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents.

Tall Varieties. Mixed. All Colors. Packet, 5 cents; ounce, 15 cents; quarter pound, 35 cents.

PANSY.

Favorite with all, and too well known to require any description. Seed sown in February and March in greenhouse or sunny window will bloom freely all summer and fall. Sown in April or May will flower in fall. For early spring flowering they should be sown in August and September and be slightly protected during the winter. The flowers are very much finer when grown in very rich soil in a cool, partially shaded situation. The seed we offer is from the best strains and can be relied upon as being the finest in the market.

All packets Pansy seeds contain 200 seeds or more.

Snow Queen. **Bronze.** **King of Blacks.**

Striped and Blotched. **Pure Yellow.**

Emperor William—Deep Blue.

Gold Margined.

Prices of the above; 5 cents per packet, or the collection of seven varieties for 30 cents.

Choice Mixed. All colors. Packet, 5 cents, six packets for 25 cents.

Giant Trimardeaux. Immense size, of the richest and most varied shades of color. Each flower is marked with three distinct blotches of spots. All colors mixed, packet, 10 cents; three for 25 cents.

Giant Trimardeau. White, Yellow or Black, colors separate. Packet, 15 cents.

Giant Bugnot. Its flowers are of enormous size and the most circular form; the petals are of great substance and velvety appearance, each one bearing a large, deeply colored blotch that runs out in delicate veins to the edge; the shadings comprise tints of red, bronze and brown not found in any other mixture. Packet, 15 cents.

Giant Odier. Of immense size, with the dark, deep, rich velvety blotches of the Odier type, bordered with an endless variety of colors. Packet, 15 cents; four packets, 50 cents.

Giant Fancy Striped. A beautiful mixture, flowers striped and mottled in various tints on contrasting grounds. Packet, 15 cents.

New Pansy Fiery Faces. Of fine form, good texture, color a very bright scarlet with gold edge and yellow center, three lower petals marked with deep almost black spots, which gives the flower the face-like appearance. Packet, 20 cents.

GIANT PARIS PANSY.

Thousands of these pansies are sold daily in the Paris markets. The flowers of this strain are as large as the Trimardeau and far superior in color and in substance of petals; the blotches are more conspicuous. Having a stout and stiff flower stem, the flowers last longer. Packet, 15 cents; two packets, 25 cents.

MAMMOTH BUTTERFLY PANSIES.

The flowers are very large, of good form and substance and produced freely. In coloring they are varied, seldom two alike in an hundred plants. They are mottled and spotted, streaked, tigered, and splashed, while the colors are mainly those rich wine-reds, chocolate, velvety red-brown, lavender, violet and purple shades which are only found in a Pansy blossom. Packet, 10 cents; three packets, 25 cents.

SPECIAL OFFER.

One packet each of above ten varieties Giant Pansy, \$1.00.



PANSY. (Type of our special Mixture.)

PANSY.—Bancroft's Special Mixture.

This is a mixture put up by ourselves, and is a selection from all the preceding named varieties of Pansies, and you will find that this mixture is not excelled by any other mixture sent out. Packet, 200 seeds, 20 cents; three packets, 50 cents.

PORTULACCA.

(Rose Moss.)

Small trailing plants which bear brilliant, beautiful and delicate flowers, whether used in baskets, beds or edgings. Their splendid flowers, produced in great profusion, are very effective. Succeed best in light, sandy soil, and want to be exposed to the full glare of the sun.

Single Mixed. Packet, 5 cts. **Double Mixed.** Packet, 15 cts.

PETUNIA.

Charming free blooming effective plants of easy cultivation. The hybrid sorts are especially fine in mixed borders and beds, while the large flowering kinds, with their delicate colors and pervading fragrance are deserving favorites for pot culture. The seed we offer is sure to produce fine, well-developed flowers.

PETUNIA—Continued.

P. Dwarf Inimitable. Each plant forms a complete bush, five to eight inches high, and is covered with brilliant cherry red flowers, each being marked with a clear white star. It is invaluable for bedding and pot culture. Packet, 10 cents.

Choice Single Flowering Sorts. Packet, 5 cents; six packets for 25 cents.



PETUNIA—GIANT OF CALIFORNIA.

Giants of California. Of wondrous sizes, shapes and markings, it is pronounced by all Petunia experts to be the finest strain on the market. Packet, 100 seeds, Double and Single, 20 cents; three packets for 50 cents.

PHLOX DRUMMUNDI.

There can be no stronger proof of the value and beauty of this than the extent to which it has grown. For beds and massing nothing can surpass these beautiful annuals. They produce immense trusses of large brilliant flowers of numberless hues throughout the summer. *Mixed colors.* Packet, 5 cents; one-fourth ounce, 25 cents.

Phlox Grandiflora.

(Large Flowering Type.)



PHLOX GRANDIFLORA.

Star of Quedlinburg. Of dwarf habit, bearing very pretty flowers, varying in color from violet blue to deep rose, margined with white; the edges are slightly fringed. The spines, which are perfect from the edge of the flower, are one-fourth to one-half inch long, and give the flower a star-like appearance. Mixed. Packet, 10 cents.

Double Varieties. We offer a fine collection of these beautiful sorts, including a number of fancy varieties; all colors. Mixed. Packet, 10 cents.

Splendens. A vivid crimson; pure white eye. Packet, 10 cents.

Alba. Pure white. Packet, 10 cents.

Rosea. Pink; white eye. Packet, 10 cents.

Stellatta Splendens. This fine variety resembles the splendens, with the addition of a clearly defined, pure white star, contrasting strikingly with the vivid crimson of the flowers. Packet, 10 cents.

The above four large flowering varieties for 30 cents.

Grandiflora. Mixed. Packet, 10 cents; 3 for 25 cents.

POPPY.

Fairy Blush. The flowers have the effect of a large, white feathery ball, overcast with a rosy shade. Packet, 5 cents.

Mikado. Flowers are of a pure white at the back, the fringed edges brilliant scarlet. Packet; 5 cents.

Double. All colors mixed. Packet, 5 cents.

Single. All colors mixed. Packet, 5 cents.

Iceland Poppies.

These Poppies produce flowers the first year from seed. The colors range from the purest white to the deepest orange scarlet, and have a delicious fragrance. For vase or house decorations they rank among the loveliest. Mixed colors. Packet, 5 cents.

Oriental Poppies.

(*Papaver Orientale.*)

A row of these in bloom make a splendid show. The prevailing color is the brightest scarlet imaginable. The flowers often measure six inches across and they last a long time. They are hardy perennials and will increase in size and profusion of bloom with age. Packet, 10 cents.

**The Shirley Poppies.**

They are similar in every way to the wild Scarlet Field Poppy of England and the continent, but the range of color is so varied that scarcely two will be found alike. Packet, 10 cents.

PRIMULA.

(*Chinese Primrose.*)

Senesis Fimbriata. Choice fringed varieties. Mixed. Packet, 25 cents.

PRIMULA OBCONICA.

A lovely perpetual blooming Primrose, and admirably adapted to growing in a cool greenhouse. Packet, 10 cents.

VERBENA.

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No plant is more generally cultivated or more eagerly sought after than the Verbena, and no plant excels it for masses in beds on the lawn. Half hardy perennials, or treated as hardy annuals, they bloom freely the first season from the seed, with beautiful, dazzling, self-colored striped and variegated flowers. They are readily produced from the seed. One foot. Always soak the seed in warm (not hot) water over night before sowing.

New Mammoth Flowered. This beautiful new strain has flowers nearly twice the size of the ordinary sorts, of very brilliant colors, and large distinct eyes. The plants are vigorous growing and free-flowering. Packet, 10 cents.

Hybrida. Extra choice mixed. Packet, 10 cents.

Scarlet Defiance. True bright scarlet. Packet, 10 cents.

Candidissima. Pure white. Packet, 10 cents.

Good Mixed. Packet, 5 cents.



SWEET PEAS.

Beautiful, fragrant, free-flowering, climbing plants. For hedges or masses in the garden, trained on trellises or strings, they are very showy. For cutting for bouquets, vases, corsage and button-hole wear, no flower except the rose can compare with the Sweet Pea. To succeed best they should be sown as soon as the ground can be worked in the spring, and when well started given brush or string to support them. They commence to bloom early, and if the flowers are picked as soon as they fade, will continue to bloom all summer. If allowed to form seed they will soon stop flowering and die down. In the following will be found the very best of the standard and new varieties:

Butterfly. The standards and wings white, faintly suffused lavender; entire flower edged with blue.

Mrs. Gladstone. Standard exquisite; soft blush pink, wings slightly deeper shaded carmine. Very fine.

Blushing Beauty. Delicate soft pink, slightly tinted lilac; large size and long stem. Very fine.

Countess of Radnor. Wings pale lilac; standard mauve. Very fine.

Blanche Burpee. Superb pure white, immense size, perfect form. The best white to date.

"America." Distinct and striking. Its color is a white ground and through the center of the standard is a wide carmine scarlet blotch veined with fine scarlet lines running toward the edges and showing in the same manner on the wings. The dashing contrast of the heavy scarlet blotch on the white ground makes the blossoms very effective in a mass of cut bloom or when flowering in the garden.

Extra Early Blanche Ferry. Of greatest value for cut flowers, being earlier, dwarfer and a more prolific bloomer than the original Blanche Ferry. Tested with sixty varieties it proved the earliest of all by nearly two weeks. Of dwarf, sturdy habit, needing few or no supports. Color, deep rose pink, with white wings.

Duke of Clarence. Rosy claret, self colored; extra large.

Primrose. Entirely distinct standards and wings, being pale primrose yellow.

Gaiety. Lively stripes of bright crimson on white.

Lottie Eckford. White ground, suffused with lavender blue.

Mrs. Eckford. Delicate sulphur yellow.

Firefly. Intense brilliant carmine scarlet; the finest scarlet yet sent out.

Apple Blossom. The color is soft apple blossom pink. In growth the plant is one of the strongest.

Emily Eckford. Large size; nearest blue.

Stanley. Dark maroon. The best dark variety.

Prices of all preceding varieties Sweet Peas: Packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; quarter pound, 25 cents; pound, 75 cents.

Bancroft's Special Mixture. Twenty distinct named varieties in this mixture, as fine a mixture as it is possible to send out. Packet, 5 cts.; ounce, 10 cts.; quarter pound, 25 cts.; one pound, 85 cts.

Choice Mixed. Ounce, 6c; quarter pound, 15c; pound, 50c.

Other Varieties of Flower Seeds

Owing to limited space in our Catalogue we have been obliged to omit descriptions of the following:

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| Ageratum. Mixed. Pkt. 5 cents. | Japanese Hop. Pkt. 5 cents. |
| Adonis. Mixed. Pkt. 5 cents. | Marvel of Peru. (Four O'clocks.) Mixed. Pkt. 10 cts. |
| Amaranthus. Mixed. Pkt. 5c. | Mesembryanthemum. Pkt. 5 cents. |
| Antirrhinum. (Snap Dragon.) Mixed. Packet, 5 cents. | Mimosa. (Sensitive Plant.) Pkt. 5 cents. |
| Browalia. Packet, 5 cents. | Moschatus. (Musk.) Pkt. 10c. |
| Begonia, Radicans. Pkt. 5c. | Mimulus. (Monkey Flower.) Pkt. 10 cents. |
| Begonia, Vernon. Pkt. 10c. | Marigold. Tall African and dwarf French. Pkt. 5 cents. |
| Calliopsis Lanceolata. Pkt. 10 cents. | Nicotiana. (Sweet scented Tobacco Plant.) Pkt. 10 cents. |
| Castor Beans. Mixed. Pkt. 5c. | Ricinus. (Castor Oil Bean.) Pkt. 10 cents. |
| Centaurea Gymnocarpa. Packet, 10 cents. | Smilax. Pkt. 10 cents. |
| Chrysanthemum. Annual varieties. Packet, 10 cents. | Salvia Splendens. Pkt. 10 cts. |
| Perennial Maxemum. Packet, 10 cents. | Stocks. (Ten Weeks.) Double mixed. Pkt. 10 cents. |
| Calendula. All colors. Mixed. Packet, 5 cents. | Sweet William. Singled mixed. Pkt. 5 cents. |
| Campanula, or Canterbury Bell. Packet, 10 cents. | Scabiosa. Double mixed. Pkt. 5 cents. |
| Dahlia. Double or Single, all colors. Mixed. Pkt. 10 cents. | Vinca, flowering. Mixed. Pkt. 10 cents. |
| Datura Corcopia. Pkt. 10 cts. | Wall Flower. Mixed. Pkt. 10 cents. |
| Digitalis. (Fox Glove.) Pkt. 5c. | Zinnia. Choice mixed. Pkt. 5c. |
| Escholtzia. (California Poppy.) Mixed colors. Pkt. 10 cents. | Zinnia. Double Lilliput. Very dwarf. Pkt. 5 cents. |
| Everlastings. Several kinds, mixed. Pkt. 10 cents. | Zinnia. Carnation striped. Pkt. 5 cents. |
| Gloxina. All colors, mixed. Pkt. 25 cents. | |
| Gaillardia. Mixed. Pkt. 5 cts. | |
| Impatiens Sultani. Pkt. 15c. | |

FLOWER SEED MIXTURES.

Climbing Annuals. This mixture will be found very desirable, being composed of many beautiful climbers, all of which will prove useful for growing on trellises. 10 cents.

Biennials and Perennials. Some of the varieties contained in this mixture will bloom the first year if planted early, while others will bloom the second year, and many of them continue to come up and bloom for many years. 10 cents.

For Wild Flower Garden. A grand mixture, embracing numerous varieties of pretty flowering annuals that will give a continuous display of bloom throughout the season. Ounce, 25 cents; packet, 10 cents.

SUMMER FLOWERING BULBS.

AMARYLLIS.

Johnsonii. (*The King Lily*.) The most magnificent of the Amaryllis family. Large flowers of bright crimson, striped white. Large, fine bulbs. 50 cents, 75 cents and \$1.00 each.

BECONIAS.



Tuberous Rooted.

A handsome class of summer blooming plants, commencing to flower early and continuing in full bloom until frost; rivaling the Geraniums in depth and intensity of color. They grow best if planted in partial shade in a soil composed of leaf mold, sand and a portion of well-rotted cow manure. They also make splendid specimen plants when grown in pots. When through flowering they should be dried off and shaken free from earth, and packed in charcoal dust or dry leaf mold and kept in a warm room until February or March, when they may be started again.

Single Flowered; white, 25 cents.
Single Flowered; yellow, 25 cents.
Single Flowered; rose, 25 cents.
Single Flowered; red, 25 cents.

Four bulbs, one of each color, for 75 cents.

Single Flowered; mixed colors, \$1.50 per dozen; 15 cents each.
Double Flowered; mixed colors, \$3.00 per dozen; 30 cents each.

CALADIUM.



CALADIUM—ESCULENTUM.

One of the most effective plants in cultivation for planting upon the lawn, growing five feet high; handsome leaves, often three feet long and twenty inches wide. It will grow in any good garden soil and is of easiest cultivation. Can be stored in dry sand in a warm place over winter.

Esculentum. (*Elephant Ears*.) Immense leaves of a fine, rich green; very showy. First size bulbs, 2½ inches in diameter, each 35 cents; per dozen, \$3.00. Second size, bulbs, 1½ to 2 inches, each 15 cents; per dozen, \$1.50. Extra large bulbs, 50 cents each.

DAHLIAS.

See index.

GLADIOLUS.



GLADIOLUS—SNOW WHITE.

Our list of this magnificent flower includes only the very choicest of the old sorts and the cream of the new. Our mixture will also be found of a high standard of excellence. A succession of bloom may be had from July to September by planting at intervals from April to June. The strongest bulbs should be kept for the latest planting. The cultivation of Gladiolus is very simple, as it will thrive in any good garden soil, but amply repays care and liberal feeding by enhanced size and beauty.

Snow White. A most magnificent variety, bearing long spikes of pure white blossoms, each flower being perfect in form and of fine substance, lasting a long time. Each, 20 cents; 3 for 50 cents.

Shakespeare. Flowers are early; bulbs are extra large, producing very large flower spikes; color nearly white, tinted with carmine rose, with large rosy blotch on lower petals. One of the best. Each, 15 cents; six for 75 cents.

Africain. Slaty brown on scarlet ground, streaked with scarlet and white. Each, 15 cents.

Isaac Buchanan. Fine yellow. Each, 10 cents.

John Bull. White, tinted sulphur. Each, 10 cents.

Napoleon III. Bright scarlet, center of petal striped white. Each, 10 cents.

Gladiolus Childsii. Very strong growers; erect, often standing four or five feet high, with spikes of bloom two feet long; flowers of great size and substance, are of more beautiful color than the magnificent Lemoine's. Our mixture contains many of the best varieties and we have put them at a price so every one can have them. Each, 15 cents; two for 25 cents; twelve for \$1.25.

Lemoine's Gladiolus. We offer a fine collection of this strain. For odd and fantastic markings and beautiful colorings they resemble the Orchid. They must be seen to be appreciated. Many varieties and colors mixed. Each 5 cents; per dozen, 40 cents; per hundred, \$2.25.

New Gladiolus "May." A large, straight, full spike of bloom, with well-opened flowers; white ground, flamed with wide feathery

bands of bright rose; the spike is double and most bulbs will throw two flower stalks. Each, 10 cents; three for 25 cents.

Gladiolus in Mixtures.

All Colors, very choice mixed. Twenty-five cents per dozen; \$1.75 per hundred.

Scarlet and Crimson varieties, mixed, 30 cents per dozen.

White and Light varieties, mixed, 50 cents per dozen.

Yellow varieties, mixed, 50 cents per dozen.

Pink and Variegated varieties, mixed, 50 cents per dozen.

One each of the above four varieties, 15 cents.

SPECIAL OFFER ON GLADIOLUS.

One bulb each Snow White, Shakespeare, Africain, Isaac Buchanan, John Bull, Napoleon III, Lemoine's Hybrid, Childsii and May for 65 cents, or two bulbs of each for \$1.25.

SPECIAL MIXTURE OF IMPROVED GLADIOLUS.

Many New Hybrid Seedlings Double the Size of Ordinary Sorts.

Every bulb in this strain is the product of a seed artificially hybridized, all forms and colors of this magnificent flower being represented, the perfect and stately Gandavensis type with its symmetrical spike and delicate colors; the glowing beauty and graceful habit of the Lemoine, the gigantic but elegant, richly colored duplicates of the Childs form, also a good per cent. of the loveliest type of all, the Nancieanus, with its slender spike, carrying enormous blooms, only to be compared with the rarest, richest Orchids, or the brightest Amaryllis. All of the above and many more beautiful, odd and unique forms never before seen are included in this mixture. The stock is necessarily limited, but we make the price low enough to enable everyone to give them a trial. Each, 10 cents; four for 25 cents; per dozen, 60 cents; per hundred, \$4.00.

GLOXINIA.

One of the most charming of all pot plants. Their magnificent trumpet-shaped flowers are exquisitely tinted, blotched or "tigered" with minute dots of violet, pink or crimson. Plant in light soil and water very sparingly until growth begins. A slight depression in the bulb indicates the top, and care must be taken to plant it in the correct position. After blooming, gradually withhold water until the leaves die away, dry the bulbs and store them in a dry place. Finest mixed bulbs, each 20 cents; three for 50 cents; \$2.00 per dozen.

HYACINTHE CANDICANS.

Fifteen cents each.

PANCRATIUM CARIBBÆUM.

(White Spider Lily.)

Large bulbs, 25 cents each.

LILIES.

Lilies will thrive best in a dry, rich soil where water will not stand in winter. After planting they require very little care, and should not be disturbed for years, as established plants bloom more freely than if taken up annually. In this list we offer only such varieties as can be safely sent in the spring. For other varieties see our Fall Catalogue. All varieties named, except Harrisii, are hardy with protection. Plant in rather sandy, well drained soil, five to six inches deep, either in fall or spring.

Auratum. (Gold Banded.) Justly famous as the most beautiful and fragrant of all Lilies. Flowers white, dotted crimson, with a clear broad golden band running through the center of each petal. Good bulbs will produce from ten to twenty-five fine blooms, seven to twelve inches across, on a stock three to four feet high. It is hardy, but unlike Rubrum, newly imported bulbs should be planted every two or three years. The splendid flowers produced and the present very low price of the fine large bulbs, justify annual planting. See illustration above. First size bulbs, 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen. Extra size bulbs, 25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.

Album. (Speciosum.) Pure white, with beautiful recurved petals; very fragrant. This, with Rubrum, belongs to the "Speciosum Section," which are distinct, graceful and free blooming. They are hardy, needing no protection; will grow and flower without any special treatment. By far the best for general cultivation. Each, 20 cents; per dozen, \$2.00.

Rubrum. (Crimson Banded.) This is as easily grown and as reliable as a Gladiolus or Dahlia bulb, probably giving the best satisfaction of any lily. The flowers are white, with a deep rosy or crimson band on each petal, with deeper colored spots between. They are five to six inches in diameter, very fragrant, and have all the hardness of the Speciosum class. The bulbs succeed best when they remain undisturbed in the ground for several years, increasing in size, as well as in size of flowers, stalk and number of blooms. Strong bulbs, 20 cents each; three for 50 cents.

Candidum. A well-known hardy garden Lily; snow white fragrant blossoms. An established favorite. Should be planted in the fall. 10 cents each.



ATRATUM.

Harrisii. A splendid new variety, producing larger and longer flowers than the other varieties, and a great many more of them. It also blooms much earlier and is much more desirable for forcing. Ready in August. Large bulbs, 20 cents each; \$2.00 per dozen. Smaller size, 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

MILLI BIFLORA.

(Mexican Star of "Bethlehem.")

10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen.

SUMMER FLOWERING OXALIS.

Several colors. 10 cents per dozen; twenty-five for 15 cents; fifty for 25 cents; one hundred for 40 cents.

SELECTED PEARL TUBEROSES.

This beautiful flowering bulb is one of the universal favorites, and justly so; its fine waxy flowers, its purity and sweetness, recommend it to all. It is so easily grown that it should be in every garden, and it is one of the most desirable and elegant buttonhole bouquet flowers. The Pearl or Dwarf Tuberose is of a short, robust stem, with long spikes of large waxy flowers in great profusion and of the most exquisite fragrance. Postpaid by us by mail, 10 cents each; four for 25 cents; 75 cents per dozen; twenty-five for \$1.50; one hundred for \$4.50. Second size, 5 cents each; 50 cents per dozen; one hundred for \$2.50.

Variegated Leaved. This is an early single kind, with striped foliage. Flowers not equal to double ones. Prepaid each, 10 cents; three for 25 cents; dozen, \$1.00.

Single, sometimes called Orange-Flowered. Bloom very early and are exceedingly graceful and pretty. Prepaid, each, 8 cents; three for 20 cents; per dozen, 60 cents.

Albino. Single flowered. Flowers single, star-shaped, pure white, recurving; a large flower spike, often branched. We find it little different from the old-fashioned single, but we offer introducer's true stock, and buyers will get all there is in it. Price, each, 10 cents; three for 25 cents; seven for 50 cents.



TUBEROSE.

GENERAL LIST OF FLOWERING AND ORNAMENTAL PLANTS.

In our list we have endeavored to weed out all poor varieties and have listed only the very best for general culture.

ABUTILONS.



ABUTILON, ECLIPSE.—Fine for baskets or vases.

Arthur Belsham. Dark crimson.

Snow Storm. White.

Golden Fleece. A bright, golden yellow Abutilon, of strong, vigorous habit, and very free flowering. Best yellow.

Eclipse. A fine sort of a drooping habit, and its flowers droop like a Fuchsia. Its leaves are very handsome, being green and yellow variegated. Flowers dark yellow with a deep red center.

Erecta. Flowers erect instead of pendulous, a very pretty shade of pinkish orange. Unlike the other sorts, the flowers are always in view, owing to their habit. Plant very dwarf and compact.



ABUTILON, SOUV. DE BONNE.

Souv. de Bonne. One of the most valuable novelties of recent years, and totally distinct; it is a very strong grower, the leaves a beautiful green, are regularly banded with gold; the flower stem is eight to nine inches long, the bloom very large and bright orange red in color; a beautiful decorative plant, being of fine tree shape, and for outside planting makes one of the most beautiful plants we ever saw. Is grand for center of a bed.

Prices of above: Small plants, 10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen; larger size, 20 cents each.

ALOES.

Very odd and attractive little plants; easily grown and will stand a good deal of abuse, except over-watering. Water sparingly, especially in winter.

Five of the choicest varieties, 25 and 50 cents each; smallest size, 15 cents each; four varieties for 50 cents.

Aloe Zebrina. 15, 25, 50 cents and \$1.00 each.

ALTERNANTHERAS.

No plants are so well adapted to carpet bedding as these. As their dwarf habit admit of pruning they can thus be kept low and bushy, covering the space designed for them evenly and completely. They are largely used in all the public parks for this purpose.

Parchiodes Major. Bronze, tipped with red. The brightest and most showy of all.

Aurea Nana. Dwarf, compact habit, with bright yellow foliage, and holds its color well under the most trying circumstances.

Price, 10 cents each; 75 cents per dozen; \$5.00 per hundred.

AMARYLLIS.

(See Index.)

ASPARAGUS PLUMOSA.

The stems of this extremely elegant plant are tufted, slender and gracefully arching. From the upper portions the branches, which are finer than the fronds of the most delicate Fern, spread in all directions. The whole plant is of a bright, cheerful green. It is one of the most distinct and effective decorative plants, and of the easiest culture. Price, 20, 35, 50 and 75 cents each.

AZALEAS.



AZALEA.

For conservatory or home decoration these beautiful and highly ornamental evergreen plants are unequalled. They are of very easy culture and annually produce in great profusion their wonderfully beautiful blossoms, the many early and late varieties coming into bloom in continuous succession from Christmas to Easter. They are alike useful for the adornment of the greenhouse and the parlor, and they make a beautiful dining-table ornament. For supplying cut flowers they are among the most useful of plants. Our stock was never finer than it is this year. The plants are in excellent condition and are covered with flower buds, which at the flowering season will render the plants most attractive objects. We have the leading varieties, all named. By express only. Each, \$1.00 to \$1.50.

See Special Mixtures of Pansies, Sweet Peas and Nasturtiums.

ALYSSUM.

(Sweet.)

■ A low growing, sweet-flowering plant, excellent for ribbon lines. Variegated variety; fine, showy basket plant. The individual flower is small but very sweet-scented.

■ The Gem. Variegated leaves.

Double. Pure white and very double. Fine.

Price, 10 cents each; 75 cents per dozen; \$5.00 per hundred.

BEGONIAS.

Give all Begonias a light open soil, composed of rich loam, woods earth, peat and sharp sand. They require a warm, moist atmosphere, and shade in summer. The finest of conservatory plants, and excellent for the window, where atmosphere is supplied to the foliage, but don't allow the sun to shine on the leaves when they are wet. They like an atmosphere of 70 degrees to bring them to perfection.

SHRUBBY—Or Flowering Varieties.



ARGENTA GUTTATA.

Olbia. A grand variety. Leaves from seven to ten inches in diameter, and are separated into deep, sharp points; the color is of varying shades of brown and red, the young leaves having large silver blotches and are very bright and attractive. 15 and 25 cents.

Glorie de Secour. Of erect growing type; very compact; foliage a deep plum color. Leaves are as large as the Rex varieties; flowers bright rose. Very free grower. One of the best for winter bloom. 15 cents.

Manicata Aurea. A grand foliage plant, its heavy, waxy leaves being boldly blotched and marbled, with a rich, golden cream, with a clear pink etching in the mature leaves. Flowers delicate bluish white.

Metallica. Peculiar foliage, with metallic lustre; pink flowers.

Subpeltata Nigricans. Beautiful shining crimson foliage.

Bertha Chateaurouher. Flowers a bright currant red; very floriferous.

Gloire de Lucerne. The bloom is of the most rosy vermillion. The leaves are of very beautiful form, broad and deeply lobed, bronzed green above and purple below.

Argenta Guttata. Purple bronze leaves, oblong leaves, oblong shape, with silvery markings. White flower on the tips of the stems.

M. de Lessups. Improvement on Argenta Guttata, the leaf being four times the size of that variety. Growing rapidly and sending out quantities of leaves, it is a wonderfully beautiful sort of splendid habit and strong growth.

Semperflorens Gigantea Rosea. Strong, upright growth, fine large flowers of a clear, cardinal red, the bud only exceeded in beauty by the open flower, which is borne on a strong, thick stem.

Velutina. Seedling from Metallica, with much larger leaves and of velvety texture. A strong, fine grower.

Gloire de Juoy. Dwarf habit, of rich metallic lustre, spotted with very small dots of white, producing large clusters of bright pink blossoms; upper surface of leaves covered with fine hairs; a most beautiful and rare variety. 15 cents each.

Paul Bruant. Grows rapidly, in fine, bushy tree form. The bloom is borne in the greatest abundance, on long, graceful stems, and is of two forms, a part being very large and is of a peculiar rose shade, the smaller forms being rose and white, the petals transparent. Leaves deep olive green.

Asepetra. Beautiful, large five-pointed dark green leaves, flaked white; fine dwarf grower. A most beautiful sort. 15 cents.

Mad. Rene Carrier. Style of Semperflorens Gigantea Rosea but dwarfer: flowers very light pink; extremely free flowering.



SEMPERFLORENS GIGANTEA ROSEA.

Rubra. Fine for winter, producing long panicles of long coral flowers.

Alba Picta. Dark green, obliquely lanceolate leaves, profusely marked with spots of silver gray, after the style of Argyrostigmas.

Duchartrei. Strong grower, leaves purplish red, foliage very abundant; blooms of large size and long stem; somewhat resembles Metallica, but is much larger.

Haageana. Leaves of large size, bronze green above and red below; flowers of large size and very beautiful.

Price of flowering varieties, except where noted: Small plants, 10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen. Large plants, 20 to 40 cents each.

BEGONIA REX.



COUNTESS LOUISE ERDODY.

REX BECONIAS—Continued.

Countess Louise Erdody. This novel Begonia is a great curiosity. The leaves, instead of presenting an even surface, as in most varieties, are twisted at the base into a spiral form. In the full grown leaf these show several turns, rising to the height of two inches above the level of the leaf. The foliage has a metal-like lustre, dark silver at the center, shading to a coppery rose towards the margin of the leaf. 20 cents.

R. George. One of the strongest growing of the Rex class. Very large, beautifully lobed, rich, glossy silver leaves, with distinct palmate center of bronze green.

Bertha McGregor. Leaf long pointed and with six deep notches. A free, strong grower, producing foliage in abundance; the center of the leaf is small, dark and palm-shaped, the body of the leaf being solid silver outlined with bronze. Extremely elegant.

Clementina. Upper surface of leaf a beautiful bronze ornamented with large, silvery spots. The under side of the leaf is a bronzy red, which produces a beautiful effect.

General collection of many varieties, including above, small plants, 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen. Large size, 25, 50 and 75 cents each.

CACTUS.

Cactus requires very little care. They grow for months in the house or garden without watering, and increase in value yearly. No wonder they have become all the rage, for their flowers, which are of exquisite beauty and fragrance, and their curious forms render them exceedingly interesting. In winter they require scarcely any water. (See also Aloe and Agave.)

Cereus Grandiflora, or Night Blooming Cereus. 20 cents each.

Pilocereus Senilis. (Old Man Cactus.) \$1.00 each.

Lobster Cactus, or Christmas Cactus. 15 and 25 cents each.

Also several other varieties. For \$1.00 we will send twelve distinct varieties of Cactus and Aloes. Five for 50 cents.

CANNAS.

Only those who have seen these wonderful flowers can form any idea of their grandeur and beauty. These improved kinds yield a most gorgeous display. The individual blooms do not remain long in perfection, but a succession is kept up for a considerable period from the same panicle. The blooming season of these Cannas extend over a lengthened period, but they are seen perhaps at their best during June, July and August, and will often flower during fall and winter if kept in a warm room or greenhouse. The collection we offer is made up of the very best varieties in cultivation. When not wanted for flowering in winter they should be lifted after they are cut down by frost and stored away in the cellar just like Dahlias or potatoes, when they can be divided and planted again in May or June.

CULTURE.—The soil can hardly be too rich and porous. Equal parts of manure, loam and sand with a little peat, form the best mixture. Plants must be kept in a growing temperature of 60 degrees. Liberal supplies of manure water are of great benefit. Bottom heat is very desirable for these plants when growing in a greenhouse.

Alphonse Bouvier. Three and one-half feet; leaves green; very strong, tall spikes; rich scarlet vermillion flower. One of the best.

J. D. Cabos. Four feet. Strong grower; leaves lanceolate green, strongly shaded with purple; flower stalks numerous, flowers large and round. Color, rich apricot, with deeper shadings. Very striking.

Mad. Crozy. One of the largest flowered and most distinct varieties yet introduced. The plant is of vigorous growth, yet dwarf in habit. The foliage is a rich, cheerful green and very massive. The flowers are produced in large branching stems closely set with bloom; individual flowers very large; dazzling crimson scarlet distinctly bordered with golden yellow.

Queen Charlotte. This is indeed a queen among Cannas, entirely distinct from any other variety offered. Flowers are very large with broad, rounded petals, slightly recurved. They are borne in immense heads, well above the foliage, and are most striking in color. A bright orange scarlet, deeply edged with bright canary yellow. The plant is of dwarf habit, a sturdy, compact grower, with deep green Musa-like foliage. A perpetual bloomer and one of the finest new decorative plants that has been offered in years.

Columbia. Medal awarded at World's Fair. Dwarf. Foliage is a dark rich green. A vigorous grower, with flower stocks producing as high as seven immense trusses which stand up erect. Flowers very large and compact together on spike, though not enough to detract from its beauty. Petals very thick and firm, and will stand wind and rain better than any other variety. An early and constant bloomer. Color a rich glowing red. 40 cents each.

Eldorado. Foliage green, flowers large yellow, finely sprinkled with lightest red; they never fade but drop off the flower stock as they pass perfection, leaving it bright and clean, so that the bed is always a mass of the brightest golden yellow. 20 cents each.

J. Wilkinson Elliott. Four and one-half feet. Green foliage. Flower spike large and open, petal long and broad, color light vermillion, covered lengthwise with fine distinct crimson veins, slightly edged with yellow.

Florence Vaughan. The flowers of this splendid sort are the most perfect form, the petals are even broader than those of Madam Crozy, and more rounded at the ends, which latter characteristic represents the best type sought for in the latest hybridization; are well opened and of the most brilliant golden yellow, dotted with bright scarlet, and are the largest of all Cannas, and produced in constant succession.

J. C. Vaughan. Three and one-half feet. Purplish foliage; flower large. Clear deep vermillion orange, with a satin lustre on petals; flower spike good size.

Ex-Campbell. Strong, vigorous grower, green leaves, immense flower spikes of deep, rich crimson, dotted deepest maroon.

Chicago. This is the best vermillion scarlet to date. Four feet, green foliage with leaves nine to ten inches wide, flower truss and stalk stand boldly erect. The large flowers open out nearly flat, petals one and one-half inches wide and five in number. The color is a clear, deep vermillion, smooth and without markings, except a purplish gloss. 20 cents each.

Charles Henderson. Acknowledged as the standard crimson; a very compact grower, elegant dark green foliage on purple stems; grows about three feet. The flower spikes are of the largest size, the petals are very broad and beautifully recurved, which, in addition to forming a magnificent globular head of perfect florets, keep the truss clear of all faded flowers. The color is a deep, rich crimson with a yellow flame at the throat. 20 cents each.

PRICES OF CANNAS (Except where noted).

Small bulbs, 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen; large size plants, 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

See Novelty Set of Cannas.



CANNA—QUEEN CHARLOTTE.

SPECIAL OFFER ON CANNAS.

We have a big stock and we must dispose of them, and offer twelve distinct varieties, including one Austria, for only \$1.00.



"The Queen of Autumn." No flowers make so brilliant an autumn show as these; none bloom so freely or show such an infinite variety of fanciful shapes and brilliant shades of yellows, browns, deep reds and purest white, and their ribbon-like petals are twisted, quilted and curved in the most bizarre manner. Every season records the introduction of some new type, and the "Chrysanthemum Shows" held each autumn in nearly every city in the land have made this brilliant flower immensely popular. Our stock this season contains the cream of the novelties, as well as the best standard sorts, and consists of fine, well-grown plants. Below we give the most carefully prepared cultural directions, which, if followed, will insure success.

Feeding.—All plants, after September 1st, should be fed about once a week or ten days, alternating with weak manure water (at the rate of one pail of manure to one barrel of water), and ammonia water (at the rate of one tablespoonful of ammonia to a pail of water.) After buds are commencing to open do not feed but little, and that very weak.

When to Plant.—The Chrysanthemum is easy to please on this point. At any time after the ground can be worked, even up to June 20, will give you good blooming plants in the fall.

Soil.—Dig the ground deep. Put in quantities of manure; the Chrysanthemum is a gross feeder. If fed well the flowers will be large.

Disbudding and Stopping.—When your plant is six or eight inches high, cut back to a height of four inches. Allow one bud (flower) to a stem and that a terminal bud. If you want fine flowers do not be afraid to cut off all the side buds, leaving only the center bud on each stem to mature.

When to Lift.—In localities subject to heavy frosts in October and November, plants should be lifted into large pots and boxes by August 20. After lifting drench thoroughly and *never* allow them to suffer for water. Give them manure water, if possible, once a week. If protected by sheeting they need not be brought into the house until well into October, and *when brought in* place in a room without fire, and give plenty of air when not frosty. In cold climate winter in the cellar.

Green and Black Aphides.—There is no remedy for this troublesome pest except tobacco in some form, either smoke or tea.

Our descriptions are taken from personal notes of the plants when in bloom, and are accurate. We have thrown poor ones out, listing first-class varieties only. Instead of classing these in Japanese and Chinese varieties, we now class them as to the time of blooming, as there is so little difference between the Japanese and Chinese sorts, caused by hybridizing. You will find many of the late introductions in the list, which are catalogued by some houses at considerably higher prices.

[Those wishing large quantities to grow for shows this coming fall will do well to write us, stating how many you wish. We can make you very low prices, and guarantee you satisfactory varieties and best quality plants.]

EARLIEST VARIETIES.

Mrs. F. Bergman. Dwarf habit; color, pure white; very full. Extra fine.

Mrs. E. G. Hill. Light pink Japanese; rather tall grower. An excellent sort.

Mrs. J. G. Willidin. Light lemon; very early, flat flower. Very good. Dwarf.

Daydawn. A large early white, center creamy lemon; the petals increase in length from the center. While the bloom is quite double it is of informal and graceful arrangement. A dwarf grower.

Mrs. Perrin. The very nearest approach to the true pink so long desired. Flowers of globular form, incurved, full and a fine satiny finish; color, clear rose pink. A truly magnificent variety.

Glory of the Pacific. Of magnificent size and depth, with broad petals which finally reflex, showing the clear, light pink color to excellent advantage; extremely early.

Yellow Queen. Grand, clear yellow; large size; incurved; dwarf habit; very early.

Ivory. Dwarf growing; incurved; white; very fine.

Miss M. M. Johnson. Dwarf grower; beautiful foliage and stiff stem; deep golden color. A fine, large deep flower. Very early.

J. H. Troy. Very early white incurving Japanese, of fine form, good size and substance; lasts a long time.

Merry Monarch. Extremely early and by far the largest and finest Japanese white among the earlies.

Crystalina. Snowball type, pure white flowers, which resemble a ball of cut tissue papers the petals being very fine. It is a grand keeper, and can be roughly handled and will not drop or burst; comes into bloom early. Is of dwarf habit.

Riverside. Immense size. Beautiful reflex Chinese; light yellow.

MIDSEASON VARIETIES.

Maj. Bonaffon. Full, incurved, bright yellow; large size; dwarf habit.

Monarch of Ostrich Plumes. Large, bright chrome yellow, shaded with amber; incurved; hairy.

Ed. Hatch. Light cream, tinted lavender pink. Very large size.

L. E. D. Mondes. Pure white, with broamy center; very hairy. A grand variety.

Golden Hair. Bright chrome yellow suffused with amber and bronze; fine dwarf habit and very hairy.

Pitcher and Manda. Outside petals white, inside petals bright yellow; flat flowers.

Inter-Ocean. Very large reflex flower, pure white, tinted lavender pink.

Geo. W. Childs. Deep, rich crimson. A splendid sort.

Dorothy Toler. Deep built flower; lavender pink, tipped yellow. A splendid keeper.

Robert Gray. Terra cotta and bronze; wonderfully hairy; large size. A grand sort.

Mrs. Geo. H. Morgan. A magnificent incurved yellow of large size.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS—Continued.

Nivius. A grand pure white of largest size. Petals are rather pointed on ends, giving it a very graceful appearance.

Pres. W. R. Smith. Beautiful, clear light pink; tall grower.

The Queen. One of the finest whites to date; grand full flower and a strong grower.

Tuxedo. A grand sort. Very strong, handsome grower. Color, an apricot yellow, changing to almost a pink at night.



L. E. D. MONES.

V. H. Halleck. Beautiful light pink, shading to deep in center; center petals whorled.

Mrs. A. Hardy. The old ostrich plume variety. A favorite with many.

Heron's Plume. Pure white; entirely distinct; large, full and beautiful, and very odd. Center petals whorled in center and outside petals whorled and drooping around the stem.

Iora. Perle pink; long tube-like petals. Very large, 15 cents.

Nemesis. Very early and almost identical in color to Daybreak Carnation. A fine, bold, well-built flower with strong straight petals.

Mrs. Henry Robinson. Large, full and incurved; of purest white; very lasting.



TYPES OF OUR CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

Special Offer.

We will send thirty varieties, our selection, including some novelties, for \$2.00, or fifty varieties, including many new ones for \$3.75.

LATE VARIETIES.

Mrs. L. C. Madeira. Very compact, round-Chinese; good orange color; dwarf grower.

Mrs. J. Geo. Ills. Ivory white of massive build; one of the latest of the whites; beautifully curled petals.

Prairie Rose. Bright pink; straight petals, partly reflex; medium size; tall.

Gettysburg. Very fine; deep crimson;

Mrs. Jerome Jones. Beautiful waxy white flowers, broad incurving petals. Very fine.

W. H. Lincoln. Broad flat flower; deep yellow. A beautiful dwarf grower.

Miss Louise D. Black. Color, deep orange. Of general style of Mrs. L. C. Madeira, but much larger. Flower lasts an indefinite length of time. The best round deep yellow variety.

Yonoma. The best late white; of large size and fine form. By growing cool can be had at Christmas.

**PRICES OF ALL CHRYSANTHEMUMS:**

Except where noted, *Small Plants*, in spring, 10 cents each, or \$1.00 per dozen. Our selection, fifteen for 1.00. Large size in fall, 25 and 40 cents each.

CALLA ETHIOPICA.

Sometimes called the Lily of the Nile. An excellent house plant, requiring an abundance of water during its growing season, but should have a rest from about May 1st to July 1st. During that time give it no water. Strong plants, 10, 20, 30 and 50 cents, according to size.

DWARF CALLA LILY.

DWARF CALLA LILY—"THE GEM."

"The Gem." The great value of this over the common Calla Lily lies in its dwarf habit. The principal objection to the old variety is found in its rank growth, but in this improved sort that objection is overcome. It rarely exceeds twelve inches in height. The flowers are not more than half the size of the common variety, and therefore can be used with telling effect in bouquets. It is in every way superior as a house plant to the larger growing variety, but must be grown in a small pot to make it bloom well. Nice young plants, 10 cents each; three for 25 cents. Larger size, 20 cents each.

CALLA ETHIOPA NANA.

Half dwarf Calla. 15, 25 and 50 cents each.

SPOTTED LEAF CALLA

This Calla resembles the White Calla, but is of a somewhat smaller habit. The leaves are of a glossy deep green, with numerous white spots, making it very ornamental at all times, even when not in bloom. It makes a splendid plant for borders or beds. Extra large, each 25 cents; three for 60 cents.

CYCLAMEN PERSICUM.

Cyclamen. Although this beautiful plant is not hardy in our climate and must be grown in the house, still, as a winter flowering plant, there are few that surpass it. Plant in light, rich soil and water sparingly until well started, when it can be treated like other house plants. We have a choice stock of these beautiful bulbs. All colors mixed. 25 cents each; three for 65 cents. Large size, 50 cents each.



CYCLAMEN, P. G.

CARNATIONS.



ALASKA.

Plant in the open ground as soon as the ground can be worked in the spring, and if wanted to flower during summer and fall, as soon as the flower shoots appear tie to small stakes. If wanted for winter blooming the flower shoots should be kept pinched off until about the middle of August, by which time they will have made strong, bushy plants. Take up and pot before the first of October, and keep shaded and close for a few days, when they will be ready for removal to the conservatory or window where they are to flower.

Portia. Intense scarlet. Very prolific.

Lizzie McGowan. A very beautiful white variety; extra large size and beautiful shape. Rather slender grower but very prolific.

Daybreak. A soft sea-shell pink. A very valuable cut flower. The finest and most fashionable variety of its color.

Meteor. Deep brilliant crimson scarlet, of large size, on a firm, strong stem; plant a free, vigorous grower, clean foliage and a good, free bloomer. The only dark Carnation we ever considered worth growing.

Alaska. A clean, vigorous, upright grower and most prolific bloomer; flower on long straight stems; purest white. Very full and of medium size.

Rose Queen. Pure soft rose; flowers large and well formed. Very healthy, strong grower and free bloomer.

Helen Keller. One of the very largest and most beautifully formed Carnations ever introduced. Does not burst its calyx, exceedingly free flowering and producing extra good, long stout stems. A strong vigorous and healthy grower. Color, clear white ground, delicately and very evenly marked with bright scarlet, giving it a very pleasing and effective finish.

Wm. Scott. Growth vigorous; very free blooming; flowers large and never bursting; of a rich Grace Wilder pink color; stems long, holding the flower erect. The best Carnation of its color up to date.

Madame Albertina. Of exceptional build and size; flower very large, round and full; color, light flesh and pink, with a strong clove fragrance.

For other varieties see Novelties.

PRICES OF CARNATIONS.

Small plants, in the spring, 10 cents each;

\$1.00 per dozen; our selection, fifteen for

\$1.00. Large plants, in the fall, 20 cents

each; \$2.00 per dozen.

Fine Large plants of above (ready now) for Spring and Summer blooming. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per Dozen.

COLEUS.

The best of all our ornamental foliage plants for summer bedding. Fine for edging large beds or massing by themselves. Very tender, and should not be planted until all danger of a late frost is over.



COLEUS.

Firebrand. Flaming red; fine bedder.

TRY OUR COLLECTION OF GLADIOLUS.

COLEUS—Continued.

Shylock. Maroon, crimson mid rib.

Verschaffelti. The BEST dark bedding variety.

Queen of the Lawn. Very good bedder.

Grover Cleveland. Edges of leaves green, center pink.

Golden Bedder. Extra fine clear yellow.

Beckworth's Gem. Center of leaves crimson and scarlet, broad margin of green and yellow, turning to white and rose.

Mrs. F. Saunders. Dwarf habit; a wedge of creamy white in the center of leaf, with a clearly defined margin of oxide green, bronze, crimson and purple; the center is sometimes blotched with magenta. A very handsome and novel sort.

Challenge. Very strong grower. Center beautiful deep crimson purple, sometimes veined cream; margin of leaf deep green and creamy white. Fine for outdoor planting.

Compacta. Exceedingly dwarf habit; center of leaf deep purple, banded with green; outside edged with purple, changes out doors to very dark purple, almost black. Fine for edging.

Snow Crest. Green and bronze, changing to almost white. Fine.

We also have a number of new varieties, the names of which have been lost, which we will put in on orders of our own selection.

Prices, except where noted, 10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen. Our selection, twenty for \$1.00; one hundred for \$4.00.

CYPERUS ALTERNIFOLIUS.

(Umbrella Plant.)

Is a pretty, unique and striking object, is of very easy culture, growing and thriving under almost positive neglect. Being an aquatic, it is at home in the aquarium, but it succeeds equally as well as an ordinary pot plant, if only an abundance of water is given it. Next to Palms this plant deservedly takes rank among the most beautiful and the most useful foliage plants for house culture. Price, 10, 15, 25 and 50 cents each.

DAISY.

Beautiful little border plants which bloom through the summer when planted in a shady situation.

Double Pink and Double White. Price, 5 cents each; 50 cents per dozen.

Seed. (See Flower Seeds.)

FORGET-MET-NOT.

Neat, low-growing plant; flowers light blue. Much sought after and always in demand. Needs shade in summer. Will live out if well protected. 10 cents each.

FEVERFEW.

One of our finest bedding and vase plants, giving abundance of double white flowers one inch across. 10 and 20 cents each; \$1.00 to \$2.00 per dozen, according to size.

FUSCHSIA.

Properly called "Ladies' Ear Drop," are among the finest and most popular plants grown. Graceful pendant flowers, easily cultivated, and have a great variety of colors. Do best in pots or shaded borders. Give plenty of water.

Single.

Luster. Corolla vermillion, sepals white. Splendid.

M. Thibaut. Splendid bright colored variety.

Speciosa. Very early free bloomer; tube and sepals light rose, reddish corolla.

Charming. Corolla pink, sepals purple. Early and free bloomer.

Swanley. Light colored corolla, sepals scarlet. Flowers very long.

Black Prince. Sepals bright carmine, corolla mauve pink. Very free bloomer.

Trailing Queen. This Fuchsia differs from all others in habit of growth. Instead of growing upward the young branches spread out toward the edge of the pot and then droop downward, continuing this way until the vines are four feet or more in length, and covered with handsome foliage. The flowers are borne in clusters, large, long and graceful. The corolla at first is deep violet purple, changing to crimson; buds, tubes and sepals rosy scarlet. A very profuse bloomer and vigorous grower.

Little Beauty. Flowers single, about one and a half inches long, sepals bright red, corolla purple. The plant is half dwarf, very compact and symmetrical. Extremely free flowering, as high as 150 flowers and buds have been counted on a single plant in a 4-inch pot. 20 cents each.

Double.

Storm King. Large size; pure white; drooping habit.

Phenomenal. Very large. Dark violet corolla.

Mrs. E. G. Hill. Robust upright grower. The tube and sepals are a bright reddish crimson; corolla pure white and extra double.

Molesworth. A grand variety of branching habit, similar to Storm King, but much stronger grower. Flowers equally large and pure white. Most prolific bloomer among the large flowering varieties and well worthy of a trial by all.



PRES. SMITH.

Pres. W. R. Smith. Dwarf habit; dark violet corolla. Very prolific and fine.

Gloire des Marches. A strong growing variety, of upright branching habit; very free flowering. Corolla large, double and pure white, sepals bright red. 15 cents each.

Mad. Bruant. A vigorous grower of fine upright branching habit, flowers large and of a fullness before unknown. Color, rosy heliotrope, veiled rose; sepals bright red. A grand variety. 15 cents each.

Jupiter. One of the finest double Fuchsias of its color in cultivation; sepals rich scarlet, corolla large and of rich, royal purple. Free bloomer.

Price of Fuchsias, 10 cents each, \$1.00, per dozen, except where noted. Larger size, 20 and 40 cents each.

DAHLIAS.

DAHLIA.

The Dahlia forms one of the most interesting fall flowers, being in its glory during the months of September and October. Plant Dahlia tubers in the ground when the season becomes warm, covering the stem about three inches. In the fall, before hard frost, cut the tops off within three inches of the ground, take up and store in a cool cellar, free from frost. We have a nice assortment of the best standard varieties. Purchasers please state colors wanted when ordering. Small roots, 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen, larger size, 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

DRACÆNA.

DRACÆNA—INDIVISI.

Beautiful window and greenhouse plants, thriving in a warm, dry room. Should have their leaves sponged off once or twice a week.

Imperialis. A strong growing variety, with large, deep rose, pink and creamy white foliage. \$1.00 each; small size, 50 cents.

Indivisa. Of all the plants in use for center of vases, baskets or for beds in the open ground, nothing is so valuable as this. From its graceful, drooping habit, it is sometimes called the "Fountain Plant." 25 and 50 cents each. Large size, \$1.00.

FERNS.

Foliage of most exquisite and graceful form. They make beautiful ornaments for parlor and conservatory, requiring a cool, shady situation. Use light, porous soil—leaf mold if it can be had.

Adiantum Cuneatum. A very beautiful and graceful Fern, its delicate fronds being much used in cut-flower work. 20 and 40 cents each.

Sword Fern. A splendid extra hardy sort, wonderfully well adapted for house culture, succeeding with ordinary care with every one who tries it. The fronds are often four feet long. Makes a fine hanging basket plant for window bracket, throws out runners which quickly make new plants. 15, 25 and 50 cents each.

FOUR NEW SWORD FERNS.

FERNS.

Everyone knows the old Sword Fern, by far the most satisfactory Fern for house use now grown. Of easiest culture.

Nephrolepis Exaltata. Sometimes called the Boston Fern. Extremely long fronds, drooping habit. Large size, 50 cents each; smaller size, 25 cents each.

Nephrolepis Pectinata. Very dwarf habit; leaves eight to twelve inches long and very narrow. Color, light green. 25 cents each.

Nephrolepis Cordata Compacta. Very dwarf habit; leaves shiny and very dark green; handsome for center of fern dishes. A most beautiful plant. 25 cents each; large size, 50 cents.

Nephrolepis Furcans. Of strong growth but not very long or slender. Ends of leaves are beautifully crested. 25 cents each; large size, 50 cents.

Also other varieties, including several varieties of Pteris, one of the easiest of Ferns to grow. Strong plants, 25 cents each; three for 60 cents; six for \$1.00. Larger size, 50 and 75 cents each.

SELACINAELLAS.

Foliage of the most exquisite and graceful forms. They make beautiful ornaments for the parlor or conservatory, requiring but little light. Use light, porous soil—leaf mold, if it can be had. We have upwards of ten varieties of Selaginellas (mosses), some of which rival the choicest dwarf ferns in beauty of foliage. 20 cents to \$1.00 each.

Selaginella Ameliana. New. Much superior to any of the other mosses, growing with stiff and erect frond six to eight inches high. Bronze green. 20 cents each.

TRY ONE OF OUR DOLLAR BOXES OF CUT FLOWERS.



NO CLASS of plants are better adapted for bedding in our hot dry summers than the Geraniums. They bloom continuously and profusely, and possess great variety and brilliancy of color. They are so well adapted for house plants and valuable for winter flowering. The new double varieties bloom as freely as the single, and make as good bedders, the flowers being more durable and valuable for cut flower work. Each variety named in our collection has a distinct feature from all others.

SCENTED GERANIUMS.

- Rose.** (Sweet Scented.) Variegated leaf. 15 cents.
Rose. (Sweet Scented.) Large leaf.
Rose. (Sweet Scented.) Small leaf.
Prince of Orange. Fragrant.
 Price, 10 cents each; larger size, 20 cents.

TRI-COLOR GERANIUMS.



GERANIUM—MAD. SALLEROI.

- Mad. Pollock.** Green disc; bronzy zone, edged silver. 20 cents
Fanny. Dwarf. Yellow leaf, bronze zone; flowers light salmon. Very fine. 15 cents each.
Mad. Salleri. Leaves from one to two inches in diameter; the center of each is a deep olive green, with broad margins of pure white; the plant is quite dwarf, growing in dense round masses quite rapidly. Valuable for baskets, vases and for second rows in bedding designs. 10 cents each; four for 25 cents; eighteen for \$1.00; \$5.00 per hundred.
Mountain of Snow. Dark green, bordered with a band of pure white. Fine for ribbon lines. 10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen.

IVY LEAF GERANIUMS.

The flowering kind are very fine for baskets and vases.



JOAN DE ARC.

- Prince Albert.** Dark green, with bronze shadings, edged with white. Nice grower.
Le Elegant. Leaves pea green, margined creamy white, sometimes shaded rose. The most beautiful variegated leaved Ivy Geranium.
Galilee. Flowers very large and double; fine rose color.
Joan de Arc. Perfectly double; flowers white.
Souvenir de Chas. Turner. Deep pink, feathered maroon in the upper petals; immense trusses
P. Crozy. A grand hybrid between the Zonales and Ivies, having the foliage of the former, but very heavy in texture; while the forms of truss and florets are found only among the Ivies. The color is soft bright scarlet, with veinings of maroon; the habit is perfect, and it is a grand bedder; extra profuse in bloom.

Prices of Ivy Leaf Geraniums.

10 cents each; three for 25 cents;
 larger size, 20 cents.

See also Novelty Set.

TRY ONE OF OUR DOLLAR BOXES OF CUT FLOWERS FOR YOUR SICK FRIEND.

DOUBLE FLOWERING VARIETIES.

Our list of flowering Geraniums will be found very large and complete. We have taken great care in selecting the different varieties, and have thrown out all varieties not showing distinct characteristics of their own. This list includes many novelties.

Bruanti. Rich crimson scarlet; very fine for bedding.

White Swan. Pure double white; very free flowering; dwarf habit. Fine.

James A. Garfield. Salmon pink. Truss large, strong grower.

John Heron. Rich plum purple. Flowers and trusses large.

James Y. Markland. Bright peach, rose center, broadly margined with white. Large, finely formed truss, compact habit.

Mary Hill. A beautiful Geranium with deep pink colored flowers, graduating to salmon toward the edges; very large trusses. A superb variety.

Mrs. E. G. Hill. Pale blush, overlaid with a delicate lavender shade.

La Favorite. The best double white for bedding.

Queen of the Fairies. Rich flesh-colored, mottled with pure white.

Golden Dawn. This is the nearest approach to yellow of any variety yet produced, being of a rich golden orange of a brilliant hue.

S. A. Nutt. The best of all rich dark crimson varieties; the flowers are of a perfect shape and large size. A grand bedder.

Thomas McMurray. Very rich cerise flowers of largest size and best shape. A grand bedder.

Montesquien. Immense size, beautiful rose mauve, violet shadings.

W. P. Simmons. Rich plum scarlet. Very fine.

Theo. Bourville. Double orange scarlet of the Golden Dawn type.

J. J. Harrison. Semi-double. Immense size, velvety scarlet. Good variety.

Ruoy Blas. Clear rosy pink, shaded deep rose and orange. White eye.

A. Tennyson. Strong, compact grower; semi-double orange scarlet. Fine. 15 cents each.

M. Brice. Beautiful, rich crimson, shaded plum; fine satiny lustre.

M. A. Ricard. Dwarf, semi-double; clear scarlet. Fine.

Marquis Garland. Semi-double; rosy scarlet, white eye.

Mad. Bushner. Semi-double; pure white, large and fine. 15 cents each.

Marg. Pinon. Satiny rose, shaded peach, pink and violet.

Phelena. Double; satiny rose, shaded darker.

Rex Umberta. Orange scarlet of the Golden Dawn type.

Mad. A. L. Chevreliere. Considered to be the finest double white yet sent out. Trusses of immense size, of splendid habit and fine blooming qualities.

Glore de France. Soft salmon, shading to creamy white. 15 cents each.

SINGLE VARIETIES.

Panache de Nancy. Single. Salmon, striped white; distinct.

Universe. A magnificent sort. Very dark crimson scarlet, of a beautiful dazzling shade. Florets extra large and rounded and produced in immense trusses.

M. V. Noulens. A scarlet Mirande. A most brilliant combination of clear white with scarlet border.

Mrs. J. M. Gaar. Probably the finest white ever sent out. Extra free bloomer.

M. P. Olombel. Rich vermillion scarlet with orange shadings. An attractive variety carrying immense spherical trusses of flowers.

Gold Cloth. Velvety crimson, large white eye. Very large.

King Olga. Deep pink, white at base. The best of its color.

Pearl. Very fine single white.

Madona. A beautiful, light clear pink, of immense size. The finest variety of its color.

Souvenir de Mirande. Flowers round, trusses large; upper petals pure white with a delicate edge of soft salmon rose; lower petals bright salmon rose with light shadings; large white center. Plant a free, short-jointed grower, and a remarkably free bloomer. A standard sort, and all should have it.

Hecia. Brilliant light crimson, very large and fine; white eye. A grand sort. 15 cents each.

W. P. Simmons. (94.) Large trusses; pure scarlet; white eye.

Esméralda. Light lavender pink, speckled deep pink; white eye. Immense trusses which hang on a long time.

Jean Duct. Light flesh pink shading almost white; satiny lustre.

Pres. Victor Dopius. Satiny. Deep rose shaded lighter in center. Very fine.

Marguerite de Layre. Very fine single white. Stands drouth splendidly. Fine habit.

Beaute Poitevine. Single. Salmon pink; extra large; white eye. Fine.

W. A. Chalfant. Clear single scarlet; extremely free bloomer. A grand variety for bedding.

Prices of all Geraniums—Double and Single.

(Except where noted.)

10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen. Our selection, fifteen for \$1.00; \$5.00 per hundred. Larger size, 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen. Extra large, 40 cents each.

Don't fail to read our Novelty List of Geraniums.

HIBISCUS.

A beautiful class of greenhouse shrubs, with handsome, glossy foliage, and large, showy flowers, often measuring four inches in diameter. They succeed admirably bedded out during the summer. Probably no plant gives more satisfaction in a warm, sunny room in winter.



HIBISCUS—CARMINATUS PERFECTUS.

Carminatus Perfectus. Flowers nearly five inches across, broad and slightly undulated petals of a rich, soft, carmine rose color, with a deep crimson eye. Single.

Aurantica. Double orange.

Sub-Violaceous. Flowers enormous, semi-double, clear carmine, tinted with violet; an unusually free bloomer.

Rubra. Large, very double; deep, clear crimson; fine.

Cooperi Tricolor. A handsome foliage plant; white, pink, deep red and green mottled. A plant of rare beauty. Try it.

Price of Hibiscus, 10 cents each. Larger size, 20 and 40 cents.

HELIOTROPES.

Beautiful, fragrant pot or bedding plants.

Snow Wreath. The nearest approach to pure white we have yet had in the Heliotrope. Compact habit.

Mad. A. Carrier. Light blue, with very large white eye; panicles very large; dwarf.

Try our collection of TEN HARDY SHRUBS AND PLANTS FOR \$1.00.

HELIOTROPE—Continued.

Picciola. Rosy violet with white center; very large flower.

Mad. Ad. Dubouche. Trusses enormous, soft and mossy looking; color, velvety violet; very fragrant.



HELIOTROPE.

La Renomme. Deep purple, white eye; very rich color; compact habit. - 15 cents.

Globe de Fleur. A new French white variety; very strong grower; immense flower.

Unless noted, 10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen. Large size, 20 cents each.

HYDRANGEA.

HYDRANGEA—THOS. HOGG.

Beautiful shrub plants, adapted to rather shady location. The large cluster of flowers resembles the snow ball, only being larger and remaining in perfection from two to three months.

Hortensis. Large, greenish white flowers, changing to beautiful pink.

Otaska. Bluish pink.

Thos. Hogg. Large pure white; free bloomer.

Ramis Picta. (Red Branched.) A grand variety, producing flowers in immense sized trusses. Color very deep rose or light cherry. The new growth of wood is of a deep reddish purple color, making it distinct from any other variety, and from which it derives its name, Red Branched.

Small plants of the above, 10 cents each. Larger, 20 cents each; largest size, 50 cents and \$1.00 each.

Hardy Hydrangea. (See Hardy Shrubs.)

LANTANA.

Strong growing, very free flowering bedding or pot plants, and standing the sun well. Being quite tender they should not be planted in the open ground until the weather becomes warm and settled.

Aurora. Strong grower; bright yellow, sometimes tinted darker.

Harkett's Perfection. Leaves finely variegated; an extra strong grower; blooms vary from clear yellow to mauve.



LANTANA.

Javii. Purest white; a most beautiful flower. Grand.

La Pactole. Very dwarf; rich, golden yellow. 20 cents.

Prices, except where noted, 10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen.

MANETTIA VINE.

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A very pretty, rapid growing, twining plant, producing tubular flowers from one to two inches in length, the plant being literally covered with them the entire season. The coloring of these flowers is gorgeous in the extreme, being a flame color, tipped with bright yellow. The contrast with the vivid green, glossy foliage is startling, making the plant an object of rare beauty. It will grow and bloom in any ordinary soil, and given strings or wires to cling to, it will attain a height of six to ten feet in one season. As a pot plant it is unrivalled. Price, ten cents each; six for 50 cents. Large plants, 20 cents.

EVENING GLORY.

Or Moon Flower.



MOON FLOWER.

Grow and bloom well with every one. If planted out in rich ground where they have full exposure to the sun, they will attain a height of forty feet by the middle of October, blooming abundantly all summer.

Noctiflora. Flowers six inches in diameter, pure white, with a five-pointed star in the center.

Leari. Flowers deep azure blue, 4 inches in diameter, a charming contrast to the preceding; a free bloomer. Grows about 25 feet in one season. A most attractive climber.

Each, 10 cents; three for 25 cents; large plants, 20 cents.

OXALIS.



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Much used for hanging baskets; put four or five in 4-inch pot.

Alba. White; 10 cents each.

New Double Yellow. 10 cents each.

Rosea—Large Flowering. Large leaves; flowers bright rose very strong grower. 10 cents each; 2 for 15 cents; 4 for 25 cents.

Buttercup. A new Oxalis from Bermuda. Of large size; color a clear light yellow. A novelty of splendid merit. Fine plants in 3-inch pots, 15 cents; 4-inch pots, 25 cents.

MARQUERITE or PARIS DAISY.

Known by every one as one of the most satisfactory plants in cultivation.

Queen of the Belgians. This is a most beautiful plant. Nothing can be more showy either as a pot plant or bedded out. This plant has been appropriately named "The Shower of Gold," as it is a perfect mass of large single golden yellow flowers the whole year round, well grown plants having as many as 150 flowers on them at once. Without an equal for cut flowers. 10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen; larger size, 20 cents each.

White Variety, with small yellow discs; known and loved by everybody. 10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen. Large size, 20 cents each.

OTAHEITE.



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This variety is of Japanese origin. It is the best for house culture as many know. They are easily managed, in fact, require about the same treatment as an Oleander. The Otaheite, however, takes years to attain an unwieldy size, and it is therefore particularly suited for pot culture and conservatory decoration. A more attractive and interesting plant ornament for the window or conservatory cannot be found, as all stages of plant life—growth, delicious scented flowers, fruit just forming, and ripe golden balls—may be seen during the spring months in the Otaheite. We offer fine healthy plants. Small size, 15 cents each; larger, 25 and 50 cents each.

PALMS.

Now the most fashionable decorative house and window plants. They require but little care—no more than a Geranium, beyond sponging the leaves once a week. Customers are advised to buy the larger plants; the effect is immediate, and if placed in a handsome jardiniere no more beautiful or ornamental plants can be found. In season for shipping all the year round. An elegant present for a flower-loving friend. Keep in moderately warm room; sponge foliage and stem off frequently with warm water and weak whale oil soap suds, and then with clean water; give plenty of water, especially in summer, and do not expose to scalding rays of sun in summer. We have a grand stock of the following varieties which are the very best for the amateur. (A personal inspection invited.)

Cycas Revoluta. (Sago Palm.) The stems of this variety are similar in shape to a pineapple; leaves grow in whorls at top. \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$5.00 each. Extra large specimens, \$15.00 each.

PALMS—Continued.

CYCAS REVOLUTA.

Areca Lutescens. A most elegant Palm. One of the best for general decorative purposes, easily grown, useful in every stage of its growth, fine color, graceful habit; stems golden yellow, tall grower. 50 cents, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00 each.



LATANIA BORBONICA.

Latania Borbonica, or Chinese Fan Palm. One of the most desirable for general cultivation; especially desirable for center of vases, etc. 50 cents, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00 \$4.00 and \$6.00 each.

Cocos Weddelliana. The most elegant and graceful of all the smaller Palms. Its slender erect stem is freely furnished with its graceful arching leaves, made up of innumerable long narrow pinnae or segments of rich, green color. The Cocos are admirable for Fern dishes, as they are of slow growth and maintain their beauty for a long time. \$1.00 each; larger sizes, \$2.00 each.



KENTIA BALMOREANA.

Kentia Balmoreana. The Curley Palm of Lord Howe's Island. This is always enthusiastically received when seen, on account of its elegant and well furnished growth. An elegant species, in which the pinnae are beautifully curved and reflexed. One of the easiest to grow in cultivation. Nice plants, 50 cents and \$1.00 each; large size, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00 each.



KENTIA FOSTERIANA.

Kentia Fosteriana. Similar to preceding, but taller and more robust. Same price as Kentia Balmoreana.

PRIMULA CHINESE.

Several colors of the very best strains. 10, 15 and 20 cents each; \$1.00 to \$2.00 per dozen.

PRIMULA OBCONICA.

The well known everblooming Primrose. Indispensable for winter blooming. 10, 15 and 20 cents each.

PANSIES.



Everyone knows them. We offer a fine collection of plants carefully grown and sure to give perfect satisfaction, and bloom freely after planting.

Giant Varieties. Mixed colors, 60 cents per dozen; \$3.50 per hundred.

Giant Varieties. Colors separate, 75 cents per dozen.

Snow Queen. Also blue, black, bronze, striped and yellow. 5 cents each; 50 cents per dozen.

Our Special Mixture. (See Novelties.) Containing a fine mixture of such varieties as Butterfly, Giant Paris, Bugnot, Odier, Trimardeau, Gold Margined, Bronze Snow Queen, and many others. We would consider this as fine a mixture as is sold to-day by any house in the United States. 60 cents per dozen; \$3.50 per hundred.

PELARGONIUM.

(*"Lady Washington" Geranium.*)

Grand old favorites. Showiest masses of bloom produced on any soft-wooded plant that we have. This class is well known to our readers, but the new varieties are as much in advance of the older kinds as those were over the earlier sorts. The flowers are of good substance, beautifully ruffled and fluted, while the colors are perfection in gorgeous shades and markings, and great size, and are much better bloomers than the older varieties.



TYPE OF OUR NEW PELARGONIUM.

Dr. Andry. Very fine; semi-double; deep carmine, shading rose; throat slightly blotched white.

Kingston Beauty. Single. Bloom and truss very large; pure white with maroon blotches. Flowers of heaviest texture, extremely free in bloom.

Black Prince. Beautifully marbled and blotched very dark crimson. The darkest variety we have.

Victor. Three lower petals deep pink, two upper petals deep maroon, edged pink; white throat.

Fred Dorner. Light rosy pink, white throat; two upper petals blotched and feathered deep maroon. 25 cents.



PRICES OF PELARGONIUMS.

(Except where noted.)

Small plants, 15 cent each; \$1.50 per dozen.

Larger size, 25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.

Extra large, 50 cents each.

DOUBLE PETUNIAS.



PETUNIA.

Few plants, either bedded out or as pot plants give as general satisfaction for as small an outlay as Petunias. All are rapid, strong growers and free bloomers. We have a large number of varieties, varying in color from pure white to dark crimson; variegated ones beautifully marbled and blotched. Small plants, 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen. Larger plants, 25 cents each.

Giant of California. Finest mixed colors. 10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen.

MEXICAN PRIMROSE.



Of beautiful, bright, clear pink color, veined with scarlet with a white center. The superb color, combined with airy grace and beautiful form, goes to make a flower which is in beauty, perfection itself. It seldom grows over ten inches in height, but is inclined to a trailing habit, spreading over the ground and drooping outside of pot. 10 cents each; three for 25 cents; \$1.00 per dozen.

RUSSELLIA.

Juncia. Brush-like foliage, handsome scarlet flowers. Always in bloom; habit drooping. Fine for baskets or vases. 10 and 20 cents each.

ROSES-THE QUEEN OF FLOWERS.

OUR ROSES, both out doors and in greenhouse, are the admiration of all visitors. Such large, strong growth and magnificent flowers are rarely seen. We guarantee you, either in the cut flowers or plants, that our Roses shall be equal to those sent out by any other house, price considered.

Cultural Directions. In selecting a spot for a rose bed do not choose one where they will be shaded by trees or buildings, as the rose delights in an open, airy situation, with plenty of sunshine. Roses are very partial to clay loam soil, but will do well in any ordinary soil if enriched with well rotted barnyard manure. In preparing the bed dig it up thoroughly to the depth of twelve or fifteen inches, as rose roots penetrate deep when they have a chance. In forming the beds do not elevate them above the level of the ground surrounding, as they will suffer less from drouth. After the plants are set out keep the soil loose to the depth of an inch or two by frequent stirrings. An occasional soaking with weak manure water is a great help to them.

Culture for Winter Bloom. Keep in a room with temperature 60 to 65 degrees, with all the sunlight possible to obtain. Sprinkle under side of foliage every morning if sun is shining. Do not sprinkle foliage on cold, dark days, unless the atmosphere of the room is very dry. As soon as the bud is matured cut that stem down to within three or four eyes of the main stalk. Soil should be a good, rich clay loam. Use rotted cow manure in soil at rate of 1 to 5 of soil. A little weak manure or ammonia water at the roots once a week is very beneficial if plant is growing strong.

Insects and Diseases. Green fly is easily subdued by dusting the moist leaves with powdered tobacco. The rose slug is quickly killed by dusting the insect, the whole plant, in fact, with road dust on a sunny day. Mildew, which affects the leaves in early spring and fall, is due to a variable temperature. For this, dust powdered sulphur on the leaves. Roses must be syringed thoroughly every sunshiny day, in the morning is preferable.

Growing and handling such large quantities in our floral department, we are in a position to know whether a variety is worthy of cultivation, and we have listed only those which we feel sure will give our customers the best of satisfaction. Our plants are large, strong and healthy, and are not excelled by anyone.

OUR BEDDING COLLECTION.

We make up an assortment of sorts especially for bedding, and offer, strictly our selection, 15 for \$1, 30 for \$2, and 50 for \$3. These are not little, starved plants usually sent out in cheap collections, but are large, thrifty plants that will go right to growing and blooming.

. . . *By Express Only.* . . .

THE FOUR LaFRANCES.

THE LaFRANCE SET.

The delightful LaFrance fragrance, by which every one of these four splendid roses may be known, is appreciated by everyone who grows or wears a rose. The LaFrance type is the nearest to perfection of all roses, and you will be delighted with this delightful rose in four colors.

Striped LaFrance. (*Madame Vredenburg*) Creamy pink with a silvery gloss, growing deeper at base of petals streaked with delicate carmine, elegantly shaped; LaFrance bud, has the true and the same beautiful full blown flower, and with even stronger growth. Free bloomer. Each shoot produces a bud. 15 cents.

White LaFrance. (*Augustine Guinnoisseau*.) A beauty, indeed. Identical with LaFrance, except the color. It is pearly white, sometimes tinted with fawn. 15 cents.

Pink LaFrance. Undoubtedly the most perfect type of a cut flower rose. No variety surpasses it in delicate coloring; silvery rose, shaded pink, with a satiny sheen over all its petals. Flower large, with the well known distinct pervading fragrance. 15 cents.

Red LaFrance. (*Duchess of Albany*.) The flowers are darker than LaFrance, of a deeper pink, very large and full, highly perfumed and of best quality in every respect. 15 cents.



LA FRANCE.

LaFrance Set of Four for 50 cents, postpaid.

Larger size, the Set of Four for \$1.00.

These are grand for summer blooming outside.

For Cemetery Planting try *Wichuriana*.
See special description.

GENERAL LIST OF OLDER VARIETIES.

The very cream of them all. Suitable for outside summer bedding, and for growing indoors in winter.

Champion of the World. Rich, deep, rosy pink, large size and fine form, very fragrant; claimed to be very prolific and very hardy.

Agrippina. Small scarlet; unequalled for bedding.

Sunset. A sport from *Perle*; beautiful orange-shaded fawn.

The Bride. A pure white rose of large size and most perfect form; the buds are pointed and the ends of the petals are slightly curved back, giving it a most chaste and elegant appearance; delicate tea fragrance and is a strong grower.

Hermosa. Rosy pink; an old garden favorite.

Perle des Jardins. Fine, clear yellow; *the very best of its color.*

Kaiserin Augusta Victoria. (*Hybrid Tea*.) A deliciously fragrant white rose, the perfume resembling that of the *Magnolia*. A strong vigorous grower and a constant bloomer. The flowers are so double that the petals seem to crowd each other, and are of the very largest size. The finest white rose for outside summer bedding.

Mad. Caroline Testout. Flowers are as large as *Baroness de Rothschild* and as free as *La France*. The color is a brilliant satiny rose, deepening at center to clear red, and its splendid large globular flowers are unsurpassed in beauty.

Souv. de Wootton. (*Hybrid Tea*.) A good grower, with the general habit of *Bon Silene*, every shoot bearing a bud; flowers very large, double and exquisitely fragrant; color, rosy crimson, velvet shading.

ROSES—Continued.

Belle Siebrecht. A cross between La France and Lady Fitzwilliams. Color, rich, deep, imperial pink. Buds are long and pointed, a beautiful tapering shape with high center; outside petals reflex in a graceful manner. Is a most prolific bloomer, and we predict a good future for this grand Rose for outside planting on account of its wonderfully free flowering habit.

Bridesmaid. A delightful new Tea Rose, a sport from the old and popular pink tea, Catherine Mermet, but of a fine, clear, dark pink, much deeper and more constant in color than Mermet.

Meteor. A rich dark, velvety crimson, ever-blooming Rose, as fine in color as the best of the hybrid perpetuals; the flowers are of good size, very double, and perfect in shape, either as buds or when fully opened; the plant is vigorous and remarkably free flowering. A splendid sort for pot culture, and the best of all the hybrid teas as a bedding variety for summer cut flowers, as it retains its color well even in the hottest weather, with no shade of purple to mar its beauty.

American Beauty. Fine outdoor summer rose; very large and full; deep rich rose; very fragrant; strong grower. 15 cents.

Mrs. W. C. Whitney. A grand new rose of deep clear pink shade; buds of large size and extremely free in bloom. A hybrid tea of the sweetest fragrance which is entirely distinct from that of any other rose, being a combination of Lemon Verbena, Heliotrope and Rose. 15 cents each.

Pink Soupert. Much resembling Hermosa, but more double and flowering more freely; resembles the well known C. Soupert in growth, shape and freedom of bloom.

Mrs. Pierrepont Morgan. An extremely free bloomer; of large size; color, intense cerise or bright rose pink; a strong dwarf grower inside with us and is highly recommended for outside planting.

The Premium Bedding Rose, Clothilde Soupert. The flowers of this beautiful new variety are unusually large. They are of pearl white, shaded at the center with silvery rose, and are produced in the greatest profusion. It makes a fine plant either for pot culture or for outdoor planting.

Princess Bonnie. A cross between Bon Silene and W. F. Bennett, inheriting the fragrance and beauty of the Bennett and the floriferousness and vigor of Bon Silene. The buds are long, perfectly formed, of rich, deep, crimson, outside petals greatly resembling the Jacqueminot; inside petals streaked with white. Has a delicate, refined fragrance.



BELLE SIEBRECHT.

NEW HARDY CLIMBER.

Crimson Rambler. This superb novelty was originally received from Japan. The plant is of very vigorous growth, making in one season shoots from eight to ten feet long. For covering buildings, trellises, etc., this superb climber cannot be excelled, while it is also magnificent in bush form. One of the striking characteristics of this rose is its remarkable color, which is of the brightest crimson, and remains so to the end, showing none of the objectionable purplish tint so common in crimson roses. The flowers with which the plant is covered in the Spring are produced in large trusses of pyramidal form, carrying thirty to forty flowers, which remain on the plant for a long time. The foliage is bright green and glossy, and contrast finely with the bright crimson of the rose. Small plant 15 cents each, four for 50 cents; large size, 25 cents each, five for \$1.00; extra large, 50 cents each.

Prices of all Tea and Everblooming Roses.

(Except where noted)

First size—10 cents; \$1 00 per dozen.

Second size—15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

Third size—25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.

Try one of our \$1 boxes of cut flowers for your sick friends. It will surprise and please them. Sent prepaid anywhere for \$1.

MOSS ROSES.

A class of Roses which are much admired. The beauty of the flowers consists in the delicate mossy covering which surrounds the bud, and which gives to the opening flower a unique appearance.

Glory of Mosses. The open flowers are very bright and of most delicious fragrance. Color, a rich glossy pink, tinged crimson; large and globular. The buds are almost hidden with beautiful green moss. Easily grown.

Perpetual Moss. Extra fine, large, very full and fragrant. Color, a pure white, sometimes shaded with rosy blush. Elegantly mossed and very beautiful. A continuous bloomer.

Salet. Beautiful light rosy pink. Extra free bloomer.

Strong plants of the above, 35 cents each. The three for 85 cents.

TENDER CLIMBERS.

Climbing Meteor. This new rose might, from its rich red color, almost be called a "*Perpetual Blooming Climbing General Jacqueminot*." Though a sport from that finest of all scarlet Hybrid Teas, Meteor is much larger, and of a deeper, richer color. It is a rose which will make ten to fifteen feet of growth in a season. Buds exquisite; flowers large, beautifully shaped, and of that rich, dark, velvety crimson color seen only in the Jacqueminot. A fine rose for summer blooming, as it will make a large growth and is loaded with glorious blossoms. 20 cents each; three for 50 cents. Larger size, 50 cents each.

Mary Washington. It is hardly necessary for us to say anything in regard to this Rose, introduced by John Lewis Childs. Flowers pure white in color; a strong grower and profuse bloomer. Said to be perfectly hardy, but has not been so with us. Strong plants, 20 cents each; three for 50 cents; seven for \$1.00.

ROSA RUCOSA.

The lovely Ramanas or Rugosa Roses form sturdy bushes three to five feet in height, covered with handsome glossy green foliage and clusters of beautiful single flowers, which emit a delightful odor. They bloom nearly the whole summer, and are covered during the autumn and winter with bright red seed pods. Several colors, 25 cents each.

ROSA WICHURANIA.

(Hardy Memorial.)

It is of very rapid, prostrate habit of growth, quickly covering the ground with a mass of very deep, glossy green foliage. In the middle of July the flowers appear in bunches in profusion and continue all summer. Flowers about two inches across, single, creamy white, with showy masses of golden yellow anthers, and intensely fragrant. For use as cover plant on banks, ledges, or masses of rock, this is unsurpassed, quickly producing the effect desired, and this with the showiest foliage and a mass of bloom at a season when flowers are becoming scarce. Used in quantities for landscape work in parks, and no private place exists on the grounds on which it cannot be used to advantage. 15 cents each; four for 50 cents. Larger size, 25 cents each.

True Old English Sweet Briar Rose.

Eglantine. Very desirable for shrubberies and general planting. Flowers are bright pink and single, but the exquisite fragrance of the flowers, leaves and young branches in the early spring frequently perfume a whole neighborhood. 35 cents each; three for 90 cents. Small size, 15 cents each.

Persian Yellow.

Perfectly hardy. Flowers double and full, deep golden yellow in color, blooms very freely in June. The finest hardy yellow rose grown. Strong plants, 35 cents each.

HARDY CLIMBING ROSES.

Baltimore Belle. White, changing to blush. Blooms in clusters.

Prairie Queen. Very hardy. Color changes from deep rose to light pink.

Climbing V. Verdur. Bright cherry red.

Prices, 25 cents each; the three for 65 cents. Larger sizes, 35 cents each; three for \$1.00.

WINTER PROTECTION OF ROSE BEDS.

This may be done with material most convenient at hand, such as leaves, straw, light manure, street sweepings, pine or cedar boughs, etc. Large rose bushes will stand several degrees of frost, and the covering should not be put on until winter has set in, and it is well to lay a few brush or pieces of wood between the plants so that the air may circulate freely. You will be surprised in the Spring to see how well they look, and what a wealth of bloom they will give to dazzle the eye and bewilder the brain of the fondest of all lovers—him who loves the rose.

HOW TO MAKE ROSES BLOOM.

To the question often asked, "How to make roses bloom?" we make this answer: The fact is known to all who have ever grown Roses that most of the blooms are produced on the ends of the branches, very small flowers being produced on the lateral shoots. In the axil of each leaf is what is called a latent bud. Should the long, strong shoots or branches be placed and kept in a horizontal position, each latent bud will produce a shoot, which in turn will produce many flowers. Cut wooden hooks from the woods or hedge row, and peg the long, strong shoots firmly to the ground. These branches will not only flower early and late, but will make robust wood, which can be treated in the same manner the following spring. Monthly, Bourbon and even hybrid perpetual roses can thus be made to bloom continuously, making your rose beds a constant wonder and delight to all beholders.

FOR CEMETERY PLANTING. . . .

We recommend rose Wichuraina. Six small plants or three large ones will cover a mound over in one season. Extremely hardy, and even when not in bloom the foliage is as dense and beautiful as any Ivy.



PERLE.

HARDY ROSES

Hardy Hybrid Perpetual Roses.

The hybrid perpetuals are considered the most valuable of all roses. They are chiefly distinguished for their vigorous growth and fine large flowers, and for being entirely hardy. They are particularly valuable for permanent beds or borders in the northern or middle states. The flowers are large, often measuring five to six inches in diameter, very fragrant, and of all the colors known to the Rose.

In our list of these grand flowers, we have endeavored to list only the very best and most hardy sorts, and such that we know will not disappoint our customers.

Probably in no other plant, unless in Clematis, is there greater percentage of loss to the purchaser than in hardy roses. It shall be our earnest endeavor to supply our customers with the very best plants possible to grow, and will gladly make right any that may prove otherwise.

Anna des Diesbach. Bright rose color, very large and showy; particularly fine in bud; flower slightly capped. A vigorous grower: one of the best.

Coquette des Alps. A large white flower, occasionally shaded with bright pink; constant bloomer, bearing its flowers in clusters; fine flowers.



GENERAL JACQUEMINOT.

Mrs. John Laing. This rose for out door planting is undoubtedly the finest rose introduced for many years; entirely hardy. Color a beautiful soft pink, with most delicious fragrance; of exquisite shape, very double and of large size; a strong grower.

Magna Charta. A splendid rose; extra large, full flowers, very double and sweet; color clear rosy; beautifully flushed with car-

mine; a sure bloomer; one of the hardiest and best for general planting.

Marshall P. Wilder. A rose of unusual excellence. Flowers are large, semi-globular, full and of good substance. Color, cherry rose, shaded carmine; very fragrant and a free bloomer.

General Washington. Is one of the best hardy perpetuals for general planting; color bright shining crimson, very rich and beautiful; flowers large and perfectly double; blooms the first season, and almost constantly.

General Jacqueminot. Rich velvety crimson, changing to scarlet crimson. A magnificent rose; equally beautiful in the bud state or open. This is the best known of all hybrid perpetuals, and is without a rival in fragrance and richness of color. It is as easy of cultivation as many of the common varieties and perfectly hardy.

Mme. Gabriel Luizet. One of the most beautiful of all roses. It is extra large, with broad, shell-like petals, elegantly formed, very double and full, delightfully perfumed. Color an exquisite shade of clear coral rose.

Mme. Plantier. This is the best every-day rose we know. Good for anybody or everybody at any place and at any time. The plant grows in a very fine bushy form, and produces flowers in great abundance in June; especially desirable rose for cemetery decoration.

Price of all Hardy Roses.

Extra strong, two year old, 25 cents each; 5 for \$1.00; 12 for \$2.25.

Perle des Blanches. A finely formed, pure white rose. Occasionally shows light flesh when first opening. Beautiful shell-shaped petals, evenly arranged. Flowers of good size, perfect and of fine form and finish.

Prince Camille de Rohan. Very dark, rich, velvety crimson, passing to intense maroon, shaded black; full flowers, looking at a distance as if really black. One of the darkest roses; very handsome.

Ulrich Brunner. A splendid rose, either for garden or forcing. It is of a rich, glowing crimson-scarlet color; produces flowers of exquisite shape; a strong, vigorous grower and free, continuous bloomer; should be in every garden.

Vick's Caprice. Color soft, satiny pink, distinctly striped and dashed with carmine. Buds quite long and pointed, also showing the stripes and markings to advantage.

Gloire Margotten. Dazzling red, fine bloomer.

Mad. Chas. Wood. Reddish crimson, extremely full bloomer, large and fine.

Price all Hardy Roses:—Extra strong, two year old, 25c each; five for \$1.00; twelve for \$2.25. Set of nineteen varieties for \$3.00.

SANSEVERIA ZEALANICA.

A New Decorative Plant of Great Beauty.



SANSEVERIA ZEALANICA.

A beautiful plant, splendidly adapted for the decoration of drawing rooms and halls, as it stands drought and dust with impunity. The leaves grow to a length of three to four feet, and are beautifully striped crosswise with broad white variegations on a dark green ground. It is a rare and beautiful plant which should be abundantly grown for positions out of the reach of the sunlight, where other plants will not thrive. It has a singular beauty for decorative purposes which other plants do not possess, and is useful both winter and summer. Grown mainly for the beauty of its foliage, it is difficult to find a more unique or ornamental plant than this. For vases or baskets it makes a fine center piece, and it grows splendidly out of doors during the summer months. Price of strong, healthy growing plants, 20 cents each, 6 for \$1.00. Large size, 40 cents each. Smaller size, 10 cents each.

Try one of our \$1.00 Boxes of Cut Flowers for your sick friends. Sent prepaid anywhere for \$1.00.

SALVIA.

(Or Scarlet Sage.)

For brilliancy *Salvia Splendens* vie with *Cannas*. They bloom perpetually, and are desirable alike for bedding in the open ground or for growing in pots.

10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen.

STROBILANTHES DYERIANUS.

A new and attractive plant suitable for growing in pots for house decoration and for bedding out in the summer; it forms a compact bush 15 inches high, with leaves 6 to 9 inches long and 3 to 4 inches wide, of the most intense metallic purple color, shading into light rose with a light green margin, a combination unapproached by any other plant. The flowers are of a violet blue and very pretty; unexcelled for second border on a flower bed. 10 cents each; 6 for 50 cents; 12 for \$1.00; larger size 20 cents each; 3 for 50 cents; 6 for \$1.00.

SWANSONIA CALECIFOLIA ALBA.

SWANSONIA G. ALBA.

Most profitable plant, producing spikes of pure white flowers from four to 6 inches long in the greatest abundance the entire year. The flowers are exactly like a small sweet pea, and last well when cut. It requires the easiest kind of culture—as easily raised as a *Geranium* or *Heliotrope*. It does best in a temperature of 45 to 55 degrees. 10 cents each; 6 for 50 cents. Larger size, 20 cents each; 3 for 50 cents.

SMILAX.

There is no climbing plant in cultivation that surpasses this in the graceful beauty of its foliage. It is indispensable for cut flower work, and its hard texture enables it to be kept without wilting for several days after being cut. 10 cents each; three for 25 cents; larger size, 29 cents each.

TRADESCANTIA.

(Wandering Jew.)

Multicolor. Foliage brightly marked and streaked with rose, white, pink, bronze and green.

Repens Vittata. Leaves bright green, striped with creamy white. 10 cents each.

TUBEROSE.

See Summer Flowering Bulbs.

VERBENA.

The *Verbena* is one of the prettiest and most popular of the flowering plants suitable for forming beds on the lawn. It commences

to flower and spread from the first day the plants are set until late in the autumn, every day becoming better and more handsome. The improper growing of plants has checked popularity of this useful flower to some extent, for it has been difficult in many cases to procure healthy plants. A healthy plant will cover a space three feet in diameter. Our list embraces all the best varieties, including the latest mammoth. Colors are white, blue, purple, pink, rosy crimson, red, maroon, striped scarlet, dark red, etc. 10 cents each; 65 cents per dozen. Choice mixed colors: 5 cents each; 50 cents per dozen.

VINCA.

Major Variegata. A beautiful variegated trailing plant, admirably adapted for hanging baskets and vases. Glossy green, broadly margined with creamy white; flowers blue. 10 to 25 cents each.

Vinca—Flowering Variety. Several colors, 15 cents each.

VIOLET.

California. Plant extremely vigorous and free from disease; flower single and very large; color, violet purple; fragrance intense; very free flowering.

Mrs. Robert Garrett. Beautiful light blue; a free bloomer.

Marie Louise. Double; flowers dark blue and large size.

Swanley White. A sport from the well-known *Marie Louise*; same perfume; flowers are as large and of the purest white.

Price, 10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen.

THE WATER HYACINTH.

Very unique and of great beauty; requires but limited space; easily grown; floats on the water by means of curious inflated leaves, a mass of feathery blue roots growing downward into the water. The flowers are as large as a silver dollar, are borne on spikes six to eight inches long, resembling hyacinths, and are as handsome as an orchid, of a beautiful, sparkling, rosy lilac color. It can be grown in the summer in the water lily tub or pond. In winter it is beautiful and effective when grown in a glass vessel of some sort. It is a free bloomer. 15 cents each; four for 50 cents.

BEDDING PLANTS.

General list of Greenhouse and Bedding Plants which, owing to limited space, we are obliged to omit descriptions:

Acalpha Tricolor. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Acharanthus. Two varieties. 10 cents each, 75 cents per doz.

Ageratum. White and Blue. 10 cents each, 75 cents per dozen.

Agave, or *Century Plant*. Variegated, 35 cents, 50 cents and \$1.00 each.

Alosia. Lemon Verbena. 10 cents each.

■ *Aspidistra Lurida Variegata*. 50 cents and \$1.00 each.

Acuba Japonica. Japan Gold Dust Tree. 50 cents and \$1.00 each.

Cineraria. 10 and 20 cents each.

Cupea. (Ladies' Cigar Plant.) 10 cents each.

Cobea Scandens. 10 and 20 cents each.

Centaurea Gymnocarpa. 10 cents each, 75 cents per dozen.

Crown of Thorns. 15 and 25 cents each.

Hoyd Carmosa. Wax Plant. 25 cents each.

Hedera Ivy. English. 25 and 50 cents each; extra large, \$1.00 each.

Impatiens Sultani. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Lobelia. Several varieties. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Maderia Vine. 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen.

Musk. 10 cents each.

Nerium. (Oleander.) 25 cents each.

Othono Crassifolia. 10 cents each.

Pandanus Utilis. Screw Pine. 50 cents and \$1.00 each.

Phormium Tenax Variegata. \$1.00 and \$2.00 each.

Peperonia Maculosa. 10 and 20 cents each.

Plumbago. 20 cents each.

Passion Flower. White, 15 cents each; variegated leaved variety, 25 cents each.

Pilea. Artillery Plant. 10 cents each.

Saxifraga Samentosa. 10 cents each.

Stevia. 10 cents each.

Try one of our \$1 boxes of cut flowers for your sick friends. It will surprise and please them. Sent prepaid anywhere for \$1.

GENERAL LIST OF HARDY SHRUBS, VINES, PLANTS, Etc.

Seeds for Shipment April 15th to May 1st.—o—Send in your orders as early as possible.

WE ARE pleased to note the increased interest taken in this line of plants. Nothing is more beautiful on the lawn or flower garden, and all that we list are of the easiest culture and perfectly hardy. Our stock of these is very large and complete, and we do not think is excelled by any house in the West.

NEW WHITE DOUBLE ANEMONE.

Whirlwind. A beautiful semi-double form of the autumn blooming White Anemone. In habit the plant is like the old Anemone Japonica Alba, the same strong growth and health foliage, and fully as free a bloomer. The flowers are two and one-half to three inches across, with several rows of large white petals; very durable, lasting much longer than those of the single variety. One of the finest hardy plants for cemetery planting, and excellent for cut flowers. 20 cents each.

APIOS TUBEROSA.

A hardy tuberous-rooted climber, closely resembling the common Wistaria in vine and foliage, and having clusters of deep purple flowers, which have a strong violet fragrance. Plant the bulbs near a fence, trellis, tree or any place where you may wish a climber. 10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen.

ACHILLEA.

The Pearl. A grand improvement on the old Achillea fl. pl. The flowers, which are borne in the greatest profusion the entire summer on strong, erect stems; are of the purest white, somewhat resembling a Pompone Chrysanthemum. As a summer cut bloom it is a great acquisition. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

AMPELOPIS VEITCHII.

A new and rapid growing climber of great beauty, especially for brick or stone houses or walls. Its foliage, which is lively green in summer, changes in autumn to brilliant crimson, producing a most gorgeous effect. It will, in a short time, entirely cover the side of a large building; far surpasses the Ivy. We offer it at the low price of 20 cents each; three for 50 cents. Large size, 50 cents.

AQUILEGIAS.

Everyone knows the beautiful Columbine, growing in the woods. We offer a fine collection varying from the Pure White, Grandiflora Alba, to the deep blue Larkspur flowered Columbine. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

CAMPANULA.

Well-known beautiful hardy herbaceous perennials, bearing a great profusion of attractive bell flowers, thriving best in light rich soil; some of the varieties flower the first season if planted early. Fine one-year old plants 20 cents each; \$2.00 per dozen.

BICNONIA RADICANS,

Or Trumpet Creeper.

Chocolate colored flowers; elegant porch plants. 15 cents each.

COREOPSIS LANCEOLATA.

A beautiful hardy border plant; grows fifteen to eighteen inches high and produces its bright golden yellow flowers in great profusion the entire season. It makes a handsome vase flower when cut and should be grown in quantity wherever flowers are wanted for table decoration. 15 cents each. Large size, 25 cents.

CHRYSANTHEMUM MAXIMUM.

Succeeds anywhere. The flowers are very large, often three to four inches across; pure white with yellow centers; fine for bouquets; will keep fresh over a week. Fine plants 25 cents each; three for 60 cents; \$2.00 per dozen. Small size, 10 cents each.

CHINESE MATRIMONY VINE.

15 and 25 cents each.

CINNAMON VINE.

A fine hardy climber and well known. The tubers grow very large and are edible like a sweet potato. The vine is a beautiful, rapid grower, producing sweet scented white flowers. 10 cents each; 75 cents per dozen.

CLEMATIS.



CLEMATIS—JACKMANII.

They are perfectly hardy, of rapid growth, attaining a height of fifteen feet and blooming the greater part of the summer and fall. The effect produced by a well grown plant when in bloom, is grand.

Small Flowered.

Coccine. Scarlet. 20 cents.

Crispa. Blue. White throat. 20 cents.

Erecta. Six feet high; does not need any support. Flowers pure white. 30 cents.

Clematis Flamula. (*Virgin's Bower*.) A general favorite where a hardy, rapid growing, graceful vine is desired. Its small, bright green foliage is almost hidden by large clusters of small, fragrant white flowers. 15 cents each; five for 50 cents.

Clematis Piniculata. A vine of very rapid growth, quickly covering trellises and arbors with handsome, clean, glossy green foliage. The flowers are of medium size, pure white, borne in immense sheets and of most delicious and penetrating fragrance. The flowers appear late in September, at a season when few other vines are in bloom. The extreme rapidity of growth, the showy foliage, beautiful and fragrant flowers and entire hardiness, serve to make this one of the very choicest of recent introductions. Price, 20 cents each; extra size, 50 cents.

Jackmanii. Deep violet purple. The finest of its kind.

Henryii. Pure white. One of the best.

Duchess of Edinburg. One of the best double, whites. Of vigorous habit, very free blooming and deliciously fragrant.

General Grant. Of the richest dark reddish purple imaginable, with thicker and more substantial leathery petals than any other variety. Sure to become one of the most popular sorts.

Mad. Baron Viellard. Called the Rose Flowered Jackmanii. One of the strongest, most vigorous and free blooming varieties of Clematis. Flowers very large, of perfect form; light rose, with lilac shadings.

John Good Veitch. Double. A beautiful shade of lavender blue. Close, well-formed flower.

PRICE OF CLEMATIS.

Strong Home-grown Plants, 50 cents each;

\$5.00 per dozen.

Extra Large, 75 cents each; \$7.50 per dozen.

DICENTRA SPECTABILIS.

A hardy perennial plant with rose-colored flowers in great abundance; one of the best border plants; perfectly hardy and easily cultivated; two feet high; flowers in April or May. 15 cents each.

DELPHINIUM.

(Perennial Larkspur)

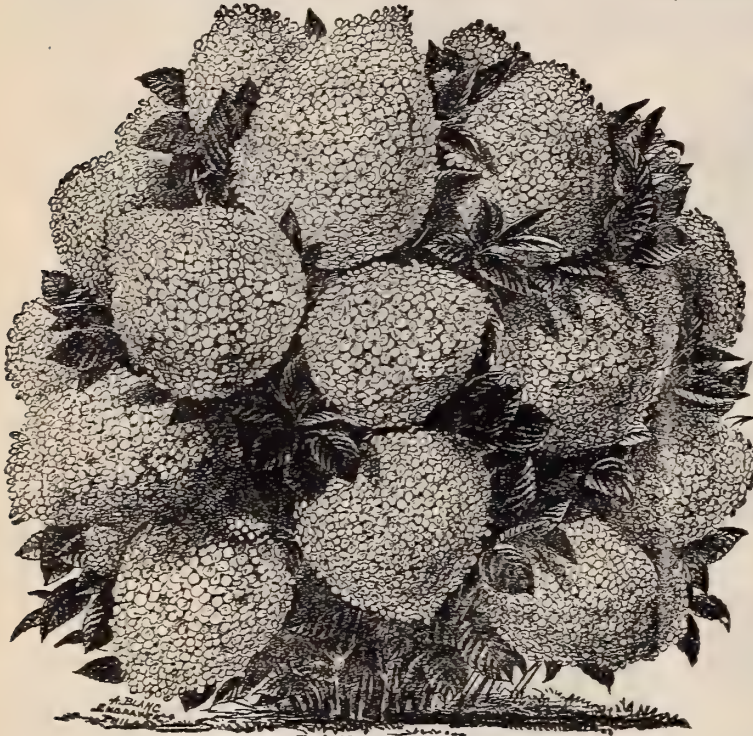
One of the handsomest and most satisfactory of all the hardy herbaceous plants, and should be planted extensively, even in the smallest garden. Fine assortment of the best varieties, 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

DUETSIA.

Gracilis. A charming, fine, small shrub, suitable for pot culture. Perfectly hardy; a profuse bloomer; delicate small white flowers. 25 cents.

FLOWERING ALMOND.

White, 25 cents. Pink, 15 cents.



HYDRANGEA—PANICULATA GRANDIFLORA.

HYDRANGEA.

Paniculata Grandiflora. Tens of thousands of these noble summer and autumn flowering shrubs have been sold the past few years and the demand is still good. They are absolutely hardy, grow in any soil, and bloom the same year they are set out; they flower abundantly, bearing immense panicles of bloom, white at first and turning to rose in autumn. To make a fine specimen the soil should be as carefully prepared as for any fine shrub. Annual shortening of the branches tends to increase the size of the flowers. Large plants, 25 and 50 cents; small size, 15 cents each.

LILACS.

White or Purple. 15 cents each; the two for 25 cents.

We also have a number of varieties of the beautiful French Lilacs. The flowers are larger and of richer color than the old and are as free bloomers.

25 cents each; five varieties for \$1.00.

LILY OF THE VALLEY.

Any one having a partially shaded nook can have these fragrant, beautiful, snowy, fairy bells in perfection. They require rather a damp situation, and should be covered an inch deep each fall with rotten manure or leaf mold. Strong clump, 25 cents.



LILY OF THE VALLEY.

HOLLYHOCKS.

The old garden favorite. Several varieties, colors mixed. 20 cents each; three for 50 cents; seven for \$1.00.

HELIOTROPE.

Old fashioned hardy garden variety; very fragrant. 10 cents each.

DAY LILIES.

The Day Lily is an old and highly esteemed plant, and one which is now-a-days largely sought after. All perfectly hardy.

Large White. Lovely, large, pure white blossoms of great beauty and fragrance. It produces an elegant mass of handsome foliage. 20 cents each; three for 50 cents. Large size, 50 cents each.

Blue. Splendid blue flowers on tall spikes. 20 cents each; three for 50 cents.

HONEY SUCKLES.

Halleana. Color, white, changing to yellow; very fragrant. Blooms from June to November. 15 cents each; three for 40 cents.

Scarlet Trumpet. A strong, rapid grower. Blooms very freely the entire season. Bright red trumpet-shaped flowers. 15 cents each; three for 40 cents.

JAPAN IRIS.

(Iris Kämpferi.)

The grand effect of these in the hardy border cannot be surpassed. The flowers are of enormous size, averaging from 8 to 10 inches across, of charming combinations of color, the leading being white, crimson, rose, lilac, lavender, violet and blue, each flower usually representing several shades, while a golden yellow blotch, surrounded by a halo of blue or violet at the base of the petals, intensifies the coloring. They are perfectly hardy, flower in great profusion in July and August, and attain the greatest perfection if plentifully supplied with water while growing and flowering.

Single Varieties. All colors; mixed. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

Double Varieties. All colors; mixed. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

HARDY HYBISCUS.

Crimson Eye. This beautiful perennial grows four or five feet high, bearing an abundance of very large white flowers, with a purple throat; flowers about six inches across; it is one of the finest things we ever saw, and would advise every one to try it. Large, out-door grown, forty cents each.

PINKS.

(Florists.)

They are more dwarf than the Carnation, growing only about one foot in height. The plants are entirely hardy; flowers very double.

Her Majesty. The finest hardy white pink yet sent out; of good size; fine fragrance and splendid blooming qualities, dwarf habit. Small plants, 10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen. Large out-door clumps, 25 cents each.

Anna Bolyne. Dark rose, with crimson maroon center; fine. Price, same as Her Majesty.

PLATYCODON.

Grandiflora. Abundance of star shaped flowers, three inches across, of beautiful blue. Perfectly hardy and lives and blooms for many years, increasing in size and beauty each year. It is a plant that will please all. If sown in April or May it will bloom late in September, and make fine plants for the next year. Seed, 10 cents per paper. Extra strong plants, 20 cents each; three for 50 cents.

PÆONY.

Splendid, well known tuberous-rooted hardy plants.

Double Red. Double White. Double Pink.

Strong roots, 25 cents each; extra large, 50 cents each.

DOUBLE RUSSIAN VIOLETS.

This is a hardy variety and has been grown by a Chicago florist for five years in the open ground with no winter protection except forest tree leaves. The flowers are very large, double and deliciously fragrant. They are of a very deep shade of blue, and one or two petals in each are dotted with red. They remain in bloom about four weeks. 15 cents each. Large size, 25 cents.

SYRINCA.

Beautiful free flowering shrubs, bearing large panicles of pure white fragrant flowers; very strong growers. 15 cents each; larger size, 25 cents each.

SNOWBALLS.

Common variety, 15 cents each; larger size, 25 cents each.

SPIRÆ.



SPIRÆ JAPONICA.

Van Houttel. The most showy of all the Spiræs, and one of the very best flowering shrubs in cultivation. The plant is a rather tall upright grower, with long slender branches that droop gracefully with their weight of foliage and flowers. Flowers pure white, in great clusters and whorls, forming cylindrical plumes two feet long. Few shrubs present a more charming appearance. It blooms freely when very small. New and fine. 15 and 25 cents each.

Spiræ Japonica. One of the finest of hardy garden plants. When in flower the plants are from twelve to eighteen inches high. The flowers are white, borne on feather-like spikes. Used with other flowers in bouquets or vases, they are really beautiful. It is extensively used for forcing for winter flowers by florists. 20 cents each.

Billardi. Rose colored flowers in spikes. 15 cents each.

WISTERIA.



WISTERIA.

This is one of the most popular of our hardy vines, growing very rapidly, climbing to a height of fifty feet or more. When in bloom it is truly magnificent. It flowers in early spring in long drooping racemes, resembling in size and shape a bunch of grapes.

Chinese. (Sinensis.) Flowers in clusters; pale blue. Sometimes gives second crop of flowers in the fall. 20 cents each.

Sinensis Alba. Flowers borne in long, drooping clusters, as in the blue variety. Pure white in color, sometimes tinted light blue, making a most striking and elegant contrast. 50 cents each.

HARDY PHLOX.



HARDY PHLOX—CROSS OF HONOR.

No class of hardy plants gives better satisfaction than the improved varieties of Hardy Phlox. Those never having seen them have no idea of the beauty and color of these plants.

C. W. Speckman. Clear magenta pink. Fine.

Pascal. Deep crimson.

Diplomate. White; carmine eye.

Gloria. Very light pink; crimson eye.

Perle. Fine pure white.

Cross of Honor. Each petal margined with white in such a manner as to form a cross.

Price of Phlox:—Strong one year old out door grown plants, 20 cents each; the six varieties for \$1.00. All colors mixed, 15 cents each, \$1.25 per dozen.

YUCCA FILAMENTOSA.

A tropical looking plant with long, narrow leaves that remain green the entire year. It throws up a strong flower stem in the summer, three or four feet high, bearing a large spike of creamy white, bell-shaped flowers that retain their beauty a long time. 20 cents each; strong roots, 35 cents each.

NOTICE.

We will send ten hardy shrubs and plants, all labeled, prepaid, for \$1.00, our selection of varieties, or larger sized plants by express.

Try one of our \$1.00 Boxes of Cut Flowers for your sick friends. Sent prepaid anywhere for \$1.00.

Nursery Department.

CURRENTS.

Red Dutch, White Dutch and Black Naples. 10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen.
Fay's Prolific. New. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

GOOSEBERRY.

Houghton Seedling and Downing. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

GRAPES.

Concord and Wordon. 10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen.
Delaware. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.
Moore's Early and Niagara. 20 cents each; \$2.00 per dozen.

PLUMS.

Desota and Miner. 30 cents each; four for \$1.00.

RASPBERRIES—Black.

Gregg, Palmer Seedling and others. 50 cents per dozen; \$2.50 per hundred.

RASPBERRIES—Red Fruited.

Turner. 50 cents per dozen; \$2.50 per hundred.

STRAWBERRIES.

Crescent, Warfield, Michael's Early, Black Hawk Seedling and others. 20 cents per dozen; 80 cents per hundred; \$6.00 per 1,000. For general use would recommend the Crescent fertilized with Black Hawk seedling.

CHERRIES.

Wragg and Early Richmond. 40 cents each; three for \$1.00.

BLACKBERRIES.

Snyder. 50 cents dozen; \$2.00 per hundred.

Insecticides, Fertilizers, Supplies, Tools, Etc.

Prices Net Cash. No Premiums or Discounts. If by Mail, add 15 cents.

Slug Shot. Kills bugs of all kinds, and does not injure plants in the least. One pound, 15 cents; 5 pounds, 50 cents; 10 pounds, 75 cents.

Grape Dust. For destroying mildew on grape vines, plants, etc. One pound, 15 cents; 5 pounds, 50 cents.

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